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EW places in the world have been endowed so lavishly with the beauty and bounty of nature as the great Island of Vancouver, on Canada's western seaboard and it is but meet and proper that Victoria, the capital of the immense Province of British Columbia—fairest city of the Dominion—should be found in this beautiful land. Situated at the southern end of the Island, on a land-locked harbour, which affords ample accommodation for its shipping, the city presents to the view of the

tourist and traveller a most attractive aspect. Rolling, park-like farms, dotted here and there with the gnarled and twisted trunks and limbs of great oaks, form a beautiful setting to the city, while beyond the shimmering blue waters of the historic Strait of Juan de Fuca the Olympians rear their giant snow-clad peaks heavenward like great sentinels imperturbable and grim. Yet further off, in another direction, beyond a sea studded with islands, all thickly clad with verdure, Mount Baker towers aloft, far above its mighty, but yet in comparison, insignificant, brethren of the Cascade Range. The eye never grows weary amid the ever-changing beauty of the surrounding country and adjacent waters. The solemn grandeur of the mountain peaks, the peaceful creeks, ergrown in houses nestling among fat orchards

and rich pastures, the forests, lakes and streams, and the sea, with its islands, bays and inlets, all claim attention and all are entrancingly beautiful.

The progress of Victoria has been truly marvelous. From its substantial and general well-to-do appearance it would scarcely be imagined that but fifty years ago the sole indication of the coming city was a rough frontier trading post,

the property of the great forerunner of civilization in the West, the company of adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay. However, such indeed is the case. It was not until the early forties that Mr. (afterwards Sir James) Douglas, an energetic and far-seeing officer of the celebrated company just referred to, who was later to play an important part in shaping the destinies of the colony subsequently established, visited the secluded Indian village of Camosun, and there established a trading post and farm. The site of the old stockaded fort, built by the Hudson's Bay Company, is now hidden by modern buildings, and few can say where it was situated. During the first few years Victoria led a somewhat hum-drum existence. The arrival and departure of the trading vessels of the company being the chief events of the year. However, the habitual quietude of the Fort was soon

in the West during the fifties. Those were exciting days in Victoria. The excitement, however, soon subsided, and the town, recovering from the reaction occasioned by the fever of the mining boom, gradually expanded into a commercial centre of importance. Since those early days improvement after improvement has been effected until the city is now one of the foremost of the Pacific Slope. The conservative good sense of its inhabitants has been shown by the care which has been taken not to go ahead too rashly, and consequently its progress has been steady and sure.

Owing to the fact that some years have intervened since the last census of the city was taken it is impossible to give the exact population, but in all probability it attains the figures of twenty-five thousand, although it is not unlikely that when the counting of heads has been concluded at the next census, which will probably be commenced in 1901, it will be found that this figure under rather than over estimates the number of inhabitants.

The site of Victoria has been admirably selected. The town slopes gently back from the water and from being almost level in the business portion rises until the main residential quarter overlooks the city proper, the surrounding country and the beautiful Straits of Juan de Fuca. On account of the site being very level the town from the harbour itself, although presenting a very solid and business-like appearance, is not as imposing as it otherwise might be. It is only when viewing the city from some point of vantage or when walking down its capacious streets, lined on either side by substantial and handsome brick and stone structures, that its beauty is clearly

discernible and an adequate idea of its solidity may be formed. Some of the modern blocks which adorn its main thoroughfares would not be out of place in cities many times larger than Victoria. The Post Office and Customs House, completed of recent years by the Dominion Government at considerable expense is a remarkably fine building, while the truly magnificent pile



PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B. C.

destined to be rudely disturbed. The discovery of gold in Cariboo and on the sand bars of the Fraser River caused thousands of eager men, bent on making their fortunes at the mines, to disembark at Victoria, the supply centre for the new Eldorado. In a few weeks, we are told, Victoria, from being a peaceful little hamlet, developed into a bustling city of twenty thousand souls, in a manner not uncommon

erected by the Provincial Government is the finest building of its kind on the Pacific Coast, and it is needless to add that Victorians are justly proud of it. In addition to other public buildings, Victoria has many fine churches. The Roman Catholic Cathedral, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church on Pandora Avenue, are particularly noticeable for their architectural qualities.

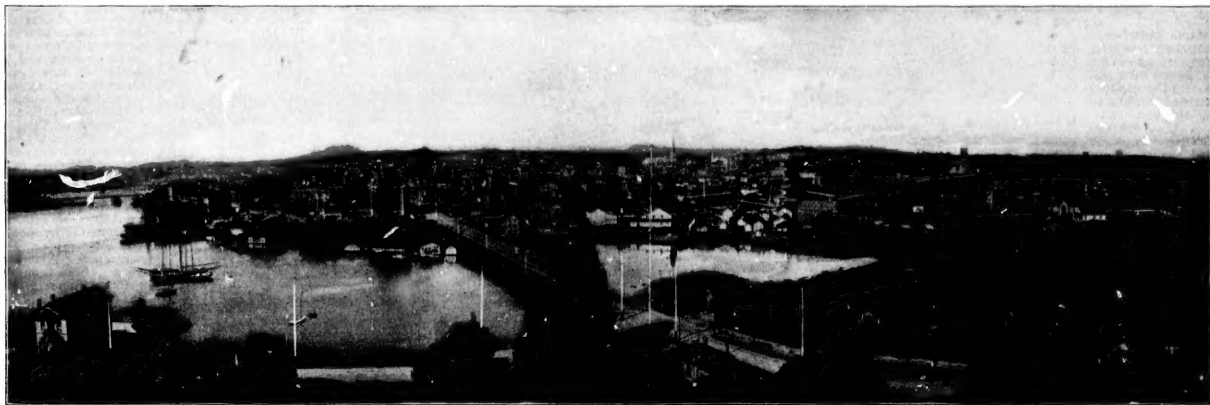
For its size, Victoria is one of the wealthiest cities in Canada. This is greatly owing to the fact that on account of the salubrity of its climate and other attractions it offers to a couple of wealth and refinement a delightful place of residence. It is a peculiarly British town and the citizens are proud of the fact. Perhaps this is partially accounted for when it is remembered that in Crown Colony days a large num-

ber of emigrants, men and women of culture and standing came from the British Isles and brought with them their love of things British. It must also be remembered that Esquimalt, which is only about four miles distant from Victoria, with which, by the by, it is connected by a particularly efficient car service, is the naval base of the powerful squadron maintained by Great Britain in Pacific waters. A large number of officers of the different branches of the service are constantly stationed there, who naturally influence society to a greater or lesser extent. At Esquimalt may be seen Her Majesty's dockyard, where all manner of naval and military supplies and deadly munitions of war are stored in readiness for any emergency. The dockyard is well laid out and its neatly swept workshops and storehouses are very interesting. Of course the general public are not admitted

to Esquimalt and Victoria harbours. In addition to the forces just referred to there are also a number of men of the Royal Canadian Regiment stationed on garrison duty in the old marine hospital which has been lately renovated and converted into barracks by the Canadian Government. These men would also assist in the defence of the place if occasion should arise.

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which, is its commercial, social, and political centre. The coal and metalliferous mines, saw mills, logging camps, fisheries, shipping and agriculture, afford employment to thousands. Year by year the Island is being exploited and opened up, and Victoria is steadily increasing in size and importance. Where, but a few years ago, the native races held undisputed sway and waged their tribal wars, the strong arm of the settler has hewn a home and the long neglected land returns an hundred fold. The placid inland waters which at no distant date were undisturbed except by the cry of the water fowl and perchance, the canoes of the lawless red men, now present an unimaged appearance as the great ocean vessels go throbbing by bearing to the marts of the world the wealth produced from the mines, fisheries and forests of



BIRD-EYE VIEW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, B. C.

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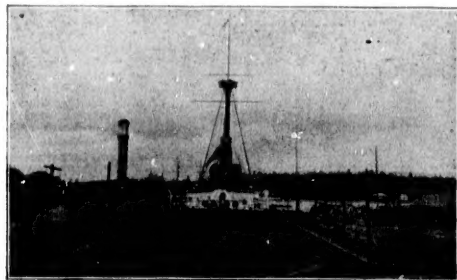
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Game, large and small, is plentiful. The forests teem with deer, and the lordly elk wander in unmolested bands. The cunning panther is found in many districts, but it is to be hoped that this arch-enemy of the sheep farmer will soon be exterminated or at least driven to remote parts. The streams abound with the wily trout, whose fame has spread abroad and done not a little to attract attention to this western Island. Grouse and water fowl of every description are numerous, while in the more settled portions pheasant and quail have been imported and thrive exceedingly well. In fact there are few places which offer more inducements to the sportsman than the Island of Vancouver. In the rich valleys are many prosperous farms and the crops of hay, fruit, vegetables and grain are proverbial. The farmers

find a ready market for their produce in the mining centres and logging camps. Dairying is extensively carried on and with much success. A creamery has been established for several years at Duncan's, the centre of a large and flourishing agricultural district. The product is of a very superior quality, and there is a great local demand for it. The valleys of the island are exceedingly rich and well repaid



ESQUIMALT HARBOR.

the husbandman for the trouble bestowed for clearing the land of brush and undergrowth. The district of Comox, some way north of Nanaimo is well known on account of its fine farms, while the Cowichan District, about forty miles from Victoria, is particularly noted for its agricultural resources. The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway runs through a beautiful country, and the tourist who has the good fortune to travel on this well appointed line has a delightful trip past rugged and picturesque hills, with lakes, where the wild fowl cry their discordant notes, gleaming at their feet, past smiling valleys dotted with pleasant homes, which give ample testimony as to the fruitfulness of the soil. The views are so varied and charming that the journey by rail from Victoria to Nanaimo is delightful. The coal mines are undoubtedly a great source of wealth. They have been worked for many years, and the product is well and favourably known. The deposits are immense, and from all appearances practically inexhaustible. It will take a long time to make any appreciable difference in the supply of coal at present in sight. The chief market is found in San Francisco, and a large fleet of colliers are employed in carrying coal to that city. The principal shipping centres are Nanaimo, Comox and Ladysmith. At each of these places huge bunkers have been erected, and the wharves will accommodate the largest vessels afloat, which thanks to the modern methods that have been adopted can take on their cargoes of several thousand tons in the incredibly short space of time of a few hours. The coal produced is of excellent quality, and meets with a ready sale both in the home and foreign markets. Some idea may be gained

of the importance of the coal mining industry from the fact that the output of the Vancouver Island collieries for the year 1899 amounted to no less than 1,201,199 tons, an increase over that of 1898 of 85,285 tons. Of the last year's output 264,883 tons were consumed in Canada and 751,711 tons were exported. The total number of persons employed in the coal mines during 1899 aggregated 3,317, including some Chinese and Japanese. The miners receive good wages, and strikes and industrial disputes of any serious nature seldom occur.

The lumber and milling interests of the Island are very extensive and give employment to a large force of men. One of the largest mills in the Province is situated at Chemainus, no very considerable distance

from Victoria.

The company owning this valuable property alone employs in the neighborhood of five hundred men. The mill has a capacity of 200,000 feet per diem and practically the whole output is exported. The product is shipped all over the world—to Great Britain, Australia, the Orient, South Africa and South America. The machinery and other appliances are of the most modern description. Chemainus has a fine landlocked harbour and it is no uncommon thing to see over half a dozen large sailing vessels taking on their cargoes of lumber at the same time. The vessels are moored to the wharves within a few yards of the mill, and the lumber is placed in the hold of the ships in a marvelously short space of time. The huge

logs are taken in at one end and finished material is passed out at another and placed on board. The scene is one of animation and bustle, and gives but a partial idea of the vast wealth represented by the great forests with which many parts of the Island are covered. The lumber manufactured at this mill is exceptionally good and finds a ready sale in the markets of the world. In 1897 Vancouver Island exported 18,738,618 feet of lumber. In the

following year, 1898, the mill at Chemainus alone shipped 20,552,118 feet, employing a fleet of twenty-three vessels. The output of 1899 exceeds this figure, while the figure for the present year will in all probability be greater than ever before. As can be readily understood, a ready market is found at this port for agricultural produce of all kinds and the farmers in the near vicinity enjoy exceptional opportunities of disposing of the result of their labours to good advantage.

The climate of Vancouver Island is soft and equable—no great degree of heat in the summer and no great degree of cold in winter. While in the East it is no uncommon occurrence for people to suffer severely of cold or be afflicted with sunstroke, the fortunate inhabitants of this favoured



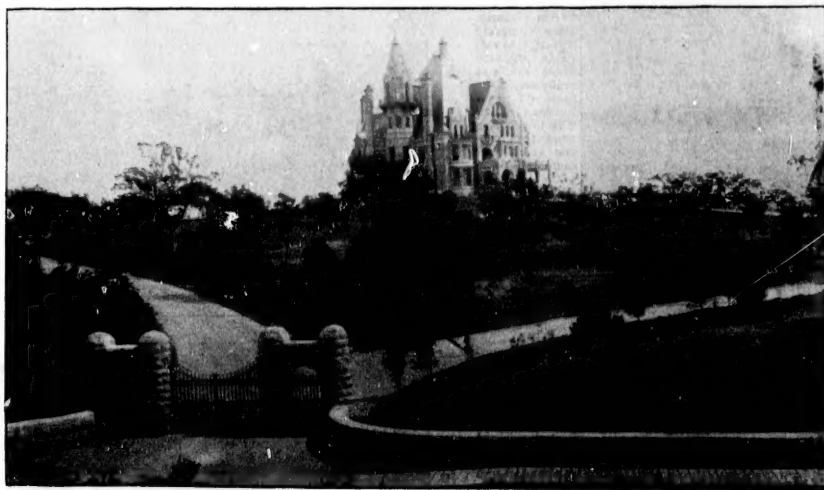
SCENE AT THE GORGE.

Island suffer from no extremes. The warm Japan current washes the coast and keeps the climate pleasantly humid. If the days are warm the nights are always cool and a perfect rest is always assured.

Victoria offers many inducements to capitalists. A number of industries could be established with advantage from which good returns might be reaped. For instance there is small doubt that the forests of the Island abound in timber

that could be manufactured into excellent pulp, an article of commerce which is in great demand. Already enquiries have been received from Japan with regard to this commodity, and the demand for it is steadily increasing both in the markets of Great Britain and the United States as well as the Orient. It would certainly appear that a very profitable field for investment might be exploited in this connection. A good market for the right class of material would be assured in the Orient, where its value is well understood. With very little difficulty full particulars could be secured with regard to the possibility of successfully embarking in the manufacture of wood pulp. It is not improbable that in the near future a great industry would be established in this connection in Victoria if some one with the requisite capital could only be induced to thoroughly investigate the matter. Such an industry would be of the utmost importance to the whole Island. Yet another instance. As the metalliferous mines of the Island are developed and reach the shipping stage the problem of the economical smelting of the ores must necessarily be solved. There is little doubt that Victoria offers exceptional advantages for the establishment of such an important concern. If for any reason it might not be deemed advisable to build in the city itself admirable locations could be secured in the near vicinity. The central position of the town, and the ease with which it can be approached accentuate the fact that such an undertaking could be successfully carried on. Coke could be readily obtained from the ovens at Union and there seems to be no reason why such a concern should not be operated to advantage. These are only two instances, but there are others of equal importance which might well repay the careful attention of capitalists. If attention was paid to the exploitation of the vast resources of the Island it would in a few years become a land flowing with milk and honey and Victoria would in consequence become a hive of industry. Until comparatively recently but little attention has been given by the outside public to the inducements offered by Vancouver Island for profitable investment. Now, however, particulars regarding its great wealth are being bruited abroad and everything seems to encourage the belief that it is on the eve of a re-

markable era of development. No one visiting it can fail to be impressed with its richness. The agricultural, mining and lumber industries must eventually support a teeming and contented population. The beautiful climate is an additional inducement to home-makers. Volumes might be penned about the attractiveness of the Island, but even then it would not be possible to say all that might be said in its favour. As a holiday resort it is steadily growing in favour and year by year people flock to Victoria to restore their health and spirits by spending a month or so in the sunny clime of the capital city.



DUNSMUIR CASTLE

Nearly the whole of Vancouver Island is more or less richly mineralized, but the western portion has been particularly favoured in this way. At Alberni and other places on the west coast flourishing settlements have been established which give every promise of developing into important mining centres. A large amount of development work has been performed on a number of the claims and the prospects for the permanent prosperity of the district appears to be exceedingly bright. The fate of the whole district is tributary to Victoria and is rapidly growing in importance. It is a matter of common report that there are in different parts of the Island immense deposits of iron and copper

ores which only require capital to be converted into mines of untold richness.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the future prospects of Victoria as the centre of a country abounding in riches, as yet practically untouched, are of the rosiest character. It is little wonder, then, that Victorians should be proud of their magnificent Island and possess such unbounded confidence in their beautiful city.

The first sight to hold the attention of the visitor, when entering the harbour of Victoria in one of the luxuriously fitted steamers that ply between the Mainland and the

Island is the stately edifice built by the Provincial Government for the use of the Parliament of British Columbia and for departmental purposes. Standing in the midst of spacious and beautifully kept lawns, the vivid greenness of which testify to the softness of the climate, the buildings present a truly imposing, and it might also be added magnificent appearance. The buildings are constructed of beautiful grey sandstone which was quarried within a few miles of the city. The various departments of the Government service have commodious quarters in the building. In the west wing is the Printing Department, where the official Gazette is published weekly and where all the printing required by the Government is done. The Provincial Museum occupies the east wing. This institution, unique in its way, is ably managed by its well known and popular curator. In the Museum may be seen all the flora and fauna of the Province. Beautifully stuffed and mounted birds and animals are standing everywhere.

The moose, the elk or wapiti, and the caribou are well represented. In the glass cases are stuffed specimens of the water fowl and grouse which inhabit the marches and woods of British Columbia. In another part will be found all manners of Indian curios and utensils, the relics of a by-gone day. But to be properly appreciated the Museum must be seen. It is impossible to do justice to the fine collection in such small space. It will scarcely be necessary to add that every visitor should make a point of seeing all over this fine institution. Sportsmen and all others will be interested.

The Premier's Office, Treasury Department, Attorney-

General's Department, Provincial Secretary's Department, Department of Mines, Department of Agriculture, Lands and Works Department, Immigration Office and the Library of the Legislative Assembly are located in the main building. From the dome, over the grand entrance a beautiful view of the city and surrounding country can be obtained. The buildings were commenced in 1893 and opened in 1895

day. But there is little need to express wonder at the number of visitors when the attractiveness of the city is considered. There are so many ways of enjoying one's self that the time never hangs heavy. The sheet of water on which the town is situated runs inland for several miles and is admirably adapted for boating and other aquatic exercises. The water wends its way past pretty country residences and

In all directions roads lead from the town far out into the country, where odd, old-fashioned hotels may be found half hidden by honeysuckle and other climbing plants. The roads are good and riding, driving and biking are favourite amusements. Victorians have no love for an indoor life, and every minute that can be spared is spent in the open air, riding, driving, boating, playing tennis or cricket, in the summer; in the winter spare time is devoted to golf, football, hunting, shooting, and other exercises. But it must not be imagined that Victorians are solely devoted to pleasures. Such is very far from being the case. Business men are at their offices bright and early and work hard for the greater part of the day, yet time is found to enjoy life. And it is this that adds such a charm to existence in Victoria.

Ever since the days of its infancy Victoria has been famous for its brilliant society. The citizens vie with the officers of the various branches of Her Majesty's service stationed at Esquimalt in giving sumptuous entertainments and the many social events are noted for their brilliancy. Garden and theatre parties, picnics and balls follow each other in rapid succession during the season. Whether it is owing to the soft and sunny climate it is hard to tell, but the ladies of Victoria are famous for their good looks. A Victoria ball room with its dazzling lights, beautiful flowers and lovely women, if once seen is not likely to be easily forgotten. But for all the gayety matters of greater moment are not to be overlooked. Many noble charities are superintended in a businesslike and methodical manner. Hospitals are assisted, the sick visited, and many other good works performed which come within the sphere of woman's activities.



DOUGLAS STREET—LOOKING NORTH.

with great eclat, at a cost amounting to less than a million dollars, a remarkable record. The Legislative Assembly meets annually in its capacious and handsome chamber in the southern wing. The ceilings were imported from Italy and give a massive and dignified tone to the hall. Every precaution was taken during the time of construction to secure only the best materials and workmanship, with the result that British Columbia has to-day the finest public buildings in Canada.

The streets of Victoria are wide and well kept. Electrical street cars run on all the main thoroughfares and an exceptionally good service is provided. A few years ago a movement was inaugurated to pave the streets. After due consideration as to the best method of procedure this important work was commenced in 1899. In that year one of the principal thoroughfares was paved with wooden blocks and the experiment was so eminently successful that during the present year, 1900, it was decided to continue the work on other streets, and consequently within a short period a large portion of the city will be paved with wooden blocks, this form of pavement having been deemed the most durable and cheapest. It is only a question of time when the whole business portion will be paved in a like manner. This will greatly add to the appearance of the city and speaks volumes for the energetic character of the citizens in carrying out such an important undertaking. The tourist travel is large during the summer months and it is generally recognized that to induce people to visit Victoria it is necessary to make the place as attractive as possible. Hence the paving of the streets and other improvements.

The number of tourists who visit Victoria during the year prove beyond a doubt that it is an ideal spot to spend a holi-

green fields and is more like a beautiful river than an inlet of the sea, where the tides rise and fall. In the summer months, the Arm, as it is called, is the scene of many merry boating parties. It is a beautiful sight to watch the return of a fleet of pleasure boats drifting lazily down with the tide, on a moonlight night. Rippling laughter, songs and the plaintive notes of banjo and guitar fill the air with melody. It might easily be imagined that some carnival frolic was in progress.



GOVERNMENT STREET—LOOKING NORTH.

If Victoria is noted for its society it is also equally well-known for its celebrations. On the Queen's Birthday and on other days Victoria gives itself up wholly and solely to enjoyment. Thousands of visitors flock to the hospitable city on these occasions, as experience has taught them that there are few places equal to it as a holiday resort. The Queen's Birthday celebration generally continues for several days, and sports of all descriptions are held—a regatta on the Arm, lacrosse and other games on the various recrea-

tion grounds, and a sham fight and review of the naval and military forces are among the chief items of the programme.

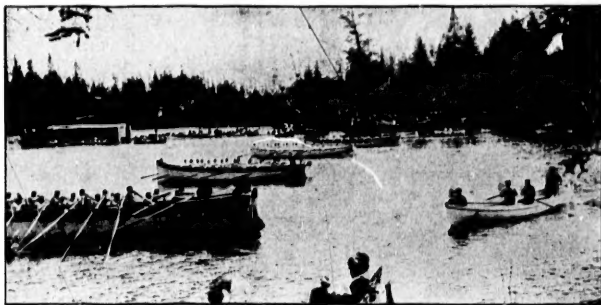
Victoria is the home of many industries, including shipbuilding, manufacture of soap and pickles, fruit canning, manufacture of stoves and machinery, and many others too numerous to mention. It is the home port of the sealing fleet, and here may be seen at certain times of the year fifty or more fine schooners lying at anchor awaiting the commencement of the hunting season. The schooners are

the city from the ventilation of matters relating to the industries of the port and those of the Island.

Victoria is pre-eminently a city of homes. The number of beautiful dwellings, both in the city and in the suburbs is astonishing. Pretty villas standing in large and well-kept grounds, with tennis courts and croquet lawns are met with everywhere. The climate is especially adapted to horticulture, and the many gardens glow with colour, adding an untold charm to the city. Owing to the excellent car-

capped peak of which is plainly visible from the Bay, across the Gulf of Georgia, is a favourite resort during the summer months, when band concerts are held once or twice a week. In the vicinity of the Bay are many charming residences, and the locality is becoming yearly more popular.

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NAVAL BOAT RACING AT THE GORGE.

splendid sea boats, and voyage in all weathers up and down the coast in search of the wary fur seal, whose beautiful pelt is so highly prized for the making of jackets, coats, and other articles of clothing. Some of the schooners sail as far north as Behring Sea, running unknown risks in those misty waters in pursuit of their prey. The harbour presents an animated sight when the vessels are preparing for their long voyages. Repairs are made, stores taken aboard, and one by one they set sail and disappear down the strait, reappearing at the end of the season, if good fortune has favoured them, with their holds filled with salted pelts, which are shipped to London to the great annual fur sales, where they are auctioned off. The sealer's life is one of hardships and vicissitudes. If a good price is realized for the skins much money may be made. But it all depends on the state of the market and the size of the catch. The catch of 1898 totalled only 28,898 skins, which is much less than that of any season in the last ten years.

The mercantile and shipping interests of the port are watched over by the Board of Trade, which publishes annually an interesting and valuable report, dealing not only with the trade of the city but with that of the whole Province. The Board is composed of the leading business men of the place, and is an exceedingly able and energetic body. It meets frequently, and all matters pertaining to the commercial interests of Victoria are carefully considered and discussed, and representations and recommendations are made in the proper quarters. Naturally much good accrues to



SCENE IN BEACON HILL PARK.



ESQUIMALT LAGOON.

service which connects the city with all the important suburbs many citizens prefer to live in the outskirts of the town. Oak Bay is a lovely place, but two or three miles distant, and is connected by car line with Victoria. The well-known Mount Baker hotel is situated on the shore of Oak Bay. This hotel, named after the mountain of that name, the snow-

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Alaska. This energetic and reliable company owns a fleet of vessels engaged in the coasting trade. The Company is a long-established firm, and enjoys the respect of the community at large. It pays special attention to the Yukon trade, and its large steamers are constantly leaving Victoria laden with valuable merchandise destined for the far off towns and mining camps of the land of the midnight sun, where the mighty Yukon flows silently to the frozen sea. Men from all corners of the earth may be seen on the streets of Victoria. It is essentially a cosmopolitan city. The almond-eyed citizens of the Celestial Empire and the little men from the kingdom of the Mikado rub shoulders with the stalwart lads in navy blue from the ships of war, and the red-coated soldiers from the Barracks. Not the least interesting part of the town is the Oriental quarter, where the Chinese love to congregate and, perhaps, if they can evade the vigilance of the police, play surreptitiously their favourite game of fan tan and conduct illicit lotteries. Fortunately, however, thanks to the care exercised by the police and health officers, "China Town," as it is familiarly called, is kept under strict control. To tourists this part of the city possesses a peculiar fascination and all who can visit the phlegmatic Celestial in his home and haggle and bargain in queer little shops for curios and quaint bric-a-brac. The Joss House with its ugly idols and Oriental display of colour is particularly interesting and will repay a visit. The Chinese quarter possess a theatre, a bare barn-like structure,

which nevertheless is much frequented by the pig-tailed denizens of "China Town." This same "China Town" has many queer alleys and corners below as well as above ground. It seems strange that in this distant land the peculiar institutions of the effete East should run hand in hand with the vigorous, progressive civilization of the West. The Chinaman is usually an apathetic creature accepting things as they come without demur. There is one day in the year, however, when his face is wreathed in smiles, and all the inhabitants of the quarter seem on hospitable thoughts intent. This occasion is the great event in the Chinese year—New Year's Day. High and low, rich and poor, make up their minds to enjoy themselves. Odd dishes are prepared and feasts given to which all are welcome. The rich merchants entertain their white friends with champagnes and cigars, the poorer ones with pickled ginger. The whole of "China Town" is in uproar for on all sides thousands of crackers and bombs are let off to frighten away the devil. The festival often lasts for several days, and the carefully hoarded savings of many months are soon spent. "China Town" then settles down once more to comparative peace and quiet.

The shipping interests of the port of Victoria are extensive. The trade with Alaska, Australia and the Orient is large and increasing steadily. Great sea-going vessels are constantly arriving at the ocean docks where their cargoes are discharged. These docks are of great size and can accommodate the largest vessels with ease. During the year ending June 30th, 1899, 670 vessels with a total tonnage of 510,080 entered the port with cargo, and 401, with a tonnage of 365,559 arrived in ballast. During the same period 561 vessels, tonnage 476,460, entered outwards for sea with cargo and 534, tonnage 417,828, were outward bound in ballast. In addition to the above 1,612 vessels with a tonnage of 496,897, employed in the coasting trade arrived, and 1601, with a tonnage of 406,765 departed. From these figures it will be gathered that Victoria is an important shipping centre. Vessels not only departing in coasting trips but for all parts of the world as well. The principal exports are lumber, salmon, and coal. Exceptional facilities are afforded vessels which require docking and repairing. The graving dock and marine railway slip at Esquimalt can be utilized at any time. The latter is particularly useful and large vessels can be handled expeditiously and with ease.

In order to render navigation as safe as possible the Dominion Government maintains a steamer, which makes Victoria its home port, for the purpose of attending to the various lighthouses and placing buoys and beacons in dangerous channels in order to ensure the safety of passing vessels. The energetic commander of the "Quadra," the vessel in question, renders yeoman service in the cause of navigation.

Victoria is an up-to-date city and possesses all those conveniences which are found in other cities of importance. The city is well lighted by its own electric light plant, thus saving a considerable expense to the taxpayers. The system is an excellent one, in fact very few cities are supplied with such clear and steady lights as Victoria. The electrical street car system stretches in every direction, connecting the city with all the suburbs and places of interest. The service is an excellent one. In a few minutes a car will take one to Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Beacon Hill, The Fountain, or the Ocean Docks. The Street Railway Company has an excellent lighting apparatus and supplies a number of the hotels, public buildings and private houses at a very reason-



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able figure. The light supplied is remarkable for its evenness and brightness. It, however, Victoria is favoured in one thing more than another it is in the possession of a magnificent public park. Beacon Hill Park, covering an area of several hundred acres, skirts the sea shore and is remarkable for its beauty, regarding which much has been said and written. It overlooks the sparkling waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, where the white sails of yachts gladden in the sunshine. A great deal of time and money has been spent in improving this lovely spot. Artificial lakes have been excavated, where swans glide gracefully hither and thither, and artistic flower beds have been laid out. Well kept walks and pleasant driveways lead in all directions and pleasant seats are numerous. Victorians have reason to be proud of their park—its beauty must be seen to be appreciated.

The charitable undertakings of Victoria are numerous and well supported. The city is particularly noted for its splendid hospitals, the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital and St. Joseph's being the chief. The latter is in charge of the Roman Catholic Convent, and the Sisters, who do the major part of the nursing, are devoted to their work. The hospital is very imposing in appearance and can accommodate a large number of patients. It is needless to add that the inmates receive the best of attention. The Jubilee Hospital is grandly situated on the summit of a gently rising slope, in beautiful, park-like grounds. As its name suggests, the hospital was commenced in 1887, Jubilee Year, and built from funds collected for the purpose of commemorating in a fitting manner the fiftieth anniversary of the reign of Her Gracious Majesty. The institution is admirably fitted up with every modern appliance that can possibly help to alleviate pain and suffering. The operating room is one of the best, if not the best, on the Pacific Coast, and brilliant surgical operations are often performed. In fact many persons come long distances to receive care and attention at the Jubilee Hospital. This speaks volumes for the kindness of the skilled attendants who leave nothing undone that can in any way ease the lot of those unfortunate enough to require medical treatment. In addition to the hospitals just referred to there is a well-appointed hospital at Esquimalt kept up by the Admiralty for the use of any officers and men of the ships who may fall ill while on this station. There are also homes for indigent old men and women, a large and comfortable orphanage where the little inmates are kindly cared for, as well as other institutions of a similar character, many of which are supported to a great extent by private subscriptions.

There are few places that enjoy so many educational facilities as Victoria. There are no less than nine free public schools in the city, managed by a staff of fifty teachers, who train three thousand school children. Many of the schools are handsome structures, which entailed a large expenditure. The North Ward, South Park, and Central schools are the largest. They are conveniently situated in different parts of the city. Ample playing grounds have been provided and the schools are furnished with every modern device for ventilation, light, and health. Education is compulsory and the expense of keeping up the schools is shared by the Provincial and Municipal governments. Great care is exercised in the selecting staff and all the schools are in the hands of trained and competent teachers, who are noted for the zealous attention which they give to the im-

portant duty of training the young that they may make useful members of the body politic. Too much cannot be said in praise of the really splendid educational system which has been established in the Province. The enlightened manner in which the Department of Education is conducted is bound to result in great benefit and augurs well for the mental and moral attainments of future generations.

In conclusion, to sum up all that has been said, Victoria is an ideal place in which to reside. Its refined society, great natural beauty, and industrial possibilities all indicate that the Queen City of the West has a brilliant future before it.

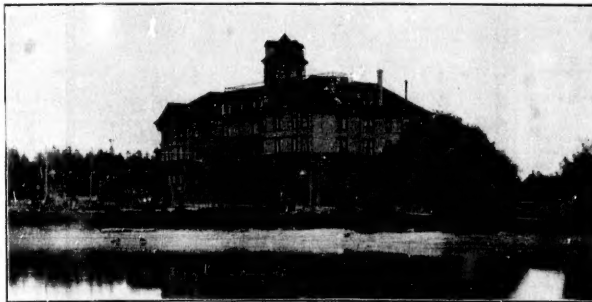
M. R. SMITH & CO., Victoria and Vancouver.—The name of this firm, which has now been established over forty years, has become a household word throughout British Columbia, and the fame of their goods extends into the Northwest and the Yukon district. As manufacturers of biscuits they are unrivalled in Western Canada, and have the largest factory west of Toronto. The firm exhibited their produce at the great Indian and Colonial Exhibition held in London, England, in 1886 where they were presented with a medal and diploma for the excellent quality of their goods. They have since received five gold and eight silver medals besides a considerable number of diplomas for their various exhibitions in the Province of British Columbia, where their manufactures have been extensively shown.

The factory is situated near the outer wharf and the offices are at 57 and 59 Fort street, in the centre of the city. Some idea of the volume of the trade done may be gathered when we state that in 1890 the Canadian Pacific Railway alone delivered 7,000 barrels of flour at Victoria for use in the factory of this firm. The daily capacity of the factory is very large. The weight of bread which is produced here is often over five tons daily. As many as sixteen horses are required to deliver the various productions of this firm.

In the manufacture of biscuits the most modern machinery is used. From the time the flour leaves the sacks until the finished article is ready for delivery it is only handled once, and that is when it is being neatly packed into boxes, which work is performed by twenty-five girls who are employed especially for this particular work. The same care and cleanliness are used in the manufacture of bread as with biscuits. The dough is mixed and handled entirely by automatic machinery which is all of the most modern and improved kind. In the manufacture of confectionery, of which a very large quantity is now turned out daily, the best materials are used, the quality being vouched for by the large sale of the firm's productions. The Fancy Biscuits, Cream Sodas, and dainty Chocolates turned out by this firm have earned for themselves a reputation that needs no other backing than their own delicate flavors. They keep two representatives constantly on the road in their interest, and do an extensive business all over British Columbia, the North West

Territories and the Yukon District. They also supply the Royal Navy and the Imperial and Canadian forces at Esquimalt with bread and biscuits. A careful survey of these considerations will show that this firm should be extensively patronized.

MOUNT BAKER HOTEL, Oak Bay, J. A. Virtue, proprietor.—This most comfortable caravansary has become one of the most popular of summer resorts. Situated on the edge of Oak Bay, Straits of Fuca, it commands a charming view of the straits, the many islands, and of the Olympian range of mountains with Mount Baker looming up in the distance. This hotel is under the able management of a man of experience and Mr. Virtue is well and favourably known to the travelling public. The 75 guest chambers are all elegantly fitted up. The dining room is large, light and cheerful and the cuisine is of the best. The house is lit by electricity. Salt water baths. Boating and fishing can be had;



MOUNT BAKER HOTEL, OAK B.Y.

very fine golf links are here, as well as a public park, in which numerous events are held. Taking it altogether this is one of the most desirable resting places on the Pacific Coast, and is patronized by the best class of travellers.

EARSMAN, HARDIE & CO., Victoria and Vancouver.—The firm is composed of Mr. John Earsman and Mr. L. H. Hardie, two favourably known gentlemen. The business was first established nine years ago under the name of John Earsman & Co., and two and a-half years ago a change was made, and the firm took its present style. This house does a large wholesale commission and importing agent's business, and carry almost everything in the general grocery line, selling to the wholesale houses exclusively. They also do a large business in meat smoking, and have a branch in Vancouver. They are agents for Simcoe Canning Co., Simcoe, Ont., canned vegetables and fruits; Wm. Clarke, canned meats, Montreal; Armour & Co., Chicago and South

Omaha; Curtis Bros., Rochester, N. Y., Blue Label ketchup; Goodwin Mig. Co., St. Louis, candles; John Sealy, fish etc., St. John, N.B.; G. W. Dunbar & Sons, oysters and shrimps, New Orleans; Borden's Condensed Milk Co., New York; Castle Bros., dried fruits, San Francisco; Mellor & Co., sauce, Worcester, England; Jas. Watson & Co., whiskey, Scotland; Sir Robt. Burnett & Co., gins, London, England; John Gillon & Co., Leith, Scotland, King William IV, whiskey; Les Fils de F. Schmidt, French wines, Bordeaux, France; St. Ronan's Mineral Water Co., Innerleithen, Scotland; McAllister & Co., Singapore, and many others.

HARDRESS CLARKE, Groceries, 86 Douglas Street.—It is a fact well understood in Victoria that the one who goes to Hardress Clarke to deal is received with every courtesy it is possible to extend to customers, and because of this the rule is "once a patron, always one." The goods carried justifies oft repeated visits to his place of business.

He carries a complete and assorted stock of staple and fancy groceries, all of the very best and pure to the fullest degree, a specialty being made of teas and coffees. The business has been running for five years. Two assistants are employed, and an efficient delivery service is in vogue.

HENDERSON BROS., Wholesale and Manufacturing Druggists, Victoria and Vancouver.—This house is the only one of its kind in British Columbia, founded some 42 years since it has now a large and ever increasing trade. Their premises are quite extensive—in Victoria occupying a structure of two stories and basement having an area of 25x89 feet, while in Vancouver their building has an area of 25x120 feet and is of three stories with a basement, they employ some twenty-five people, besides keeping two men constantly on the road, going as far as the Yukon, where they have many customers. They employ an electric motor in grinding drugs, manufacturing all pharmaceutical preparations as well as several proprietary medicines. They carry the largest stock of drugs, chemicals, etc., in the province.

F. W. NOLTE & CO., Opticians, 37 Fort St.—Within a few years the fitting of glasses to the eyes has risen to the height of a profession, and many indeed are the men with brilliant minds and scientific educations who are devoting their lives to this most honorable line. In Victoria F. W. Nolte & Co., enjoy the distinction of being at the very head in this department, and have taught the people that the most delicate organ of the human body, the eye, must not be neglected, and they have demonstrated that a defect in vision can be entirely overcome, if taken in time, by the rational use of glasses peculiarly fitted and manufactured for each case, and further that eyes which are weak can be made strong by the aid of a little piece of glass selected and prepared by an expert judge of the human eye. They make a specialty of grinding complicated lenses, being one of only three houses in Canada that do this, and make special frames to suit all.

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VICTORIA-PHOENIX BREWING CO.,
Ltd. L'y., is acknowledged to be the king of
breweries in Western Canada, and it has
long maintained this exalted position. In
1838 it was established, and during the in-
terim of 42 years of its long and honorable
career, has developed into mammoth pro-
portions in the brewing industry. In 1891
the present company was incorporated and
a new brewery built, 120x120 feet in di-
mensions, six stories high. The brewery
is scientifically arranged and in all depart-
ments is equipped with every known mod-
ern requisite for producing the finest and
healthiest beer ever made, unsurpassed for
its purity, flavor and general excellence, and
that its superior quality is appreciated by the
public is demonstrated by the fact that the
demand for this beer is growing daily. They
manufacture Lager beer, ale and porter, and
the capacity of the plant is 50,000 barrels
annually. An ice plant is also run in con-
nection, turning out five tons of crystal ice
made from pure distilled waters. From 25
to 30 people are employed and 5 delivery
wagons, in the several departments. This
Company are purveyors to Her Majesty's
Navy and Royal Marine Artillery. J. Loe-
wen, President and Manager; D. R. Ker,
Vice-President; J. F. Dickson, Secretary;
and F. Grathwohl, Brewer.

THE BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO.,
LTD., was founded in 1870, as a partnership
concern, under the name of Brackman &
Ker. The present company was incorporat-
ed in 1890 with Henry Brackman as Presi-
dent and D. R. Ker as Vice-President and
General Manager. The company deal more
extensively in cereal products, grain and
hay, than any other firm in the Province.
They have mills at Ocean Dock, Victoria,
New Westminster, B.C., and South Edmon-
ton, Alberta, and have elevators at all prin-
cipal points on the Calgary & Edmonton R.
R. The head offices of this company are in
Victoria, while branch offices are in Van-
couver, N. Westminster, Nelson, Rossland,
B.C., and South Edmonton, Alta. A very
large business is transacted throughout the
province, while large shipments are made to
the Yukon gold fields, Australia and the
Orient.

THE ALBION IRON WORKS CO., LTD.,
Engineers. Founders and Boiler Makers—
Covering an area of five acres, and furnish-
ing employment to from 225 to 350 people,



the importance and prominence of these
works are fully appreciated by the people of
this city. They were originally established
in 1858, in the pioneer days of Victoria's his-
tory. In 1882 the present Company was in-
corporated, the plant includes a large found-
ry, machine shop, blacksmith shop, pattern
shop, where a great number of standard
patterns have accumulated, and other minor
buildings, belonging to a manufacturing in-
stitution of this magnitude. Every depart-
ment is most thoroughly and wisely equipped
for the manufacture of marine and land en-
gines and boilers, fish canning and mining
machinery, hydraulic giants and pipe, cast-
ings, derricks, etc. They also repair all kinds
of machinery. Three years ago an up-to-
date stove and brick-laying plant was
added, and all kinds of sheet and cast-iron
stoves and ranges are manufactured and all
kinds of plating done. This institution is
the largest of its kind on the North-West
Coast and a large patronage is enjoyed.
During the past few years they have shipped
a large number of complete miner's outfits
to the Klondyke and Atlin mining districts.
These works have been under the manage-
ment of B. R. Seabrook for the past seven
years.

A. STEWART, marble worker—Beautiful
as are the streets and parks of Victoria,
none rival the lovely cities of the dead that
are kept ever green, blooming and sacred.
Great men of our Province have answered
the last call, and their remains lie in our
cemetries, their memories fresh and ever
cherished, while their graves are marked by
giant shafts of granite and marble. Many
of these are monuments indeed, wonderfully
engraved, artistically modeled, works of
rarest art. No worker in stone has done
more than A. Stewart, who for many years
has hammered and chiseled and modeled
with keen eye and true hand, that his work
might ever prove an adornment to our cem-
eteries, reminders of the greatness and virtue
buried there. Besides manufacturing the
most artistic monuments and tombstones, he
furnishes vast quantities of cut stone for
building purposes. Mr. Stewart has been
doing business in this city for fifteen years,
and to-day is enjoying an ever-increasing
business, and is widely known for his up-
right business methods.

MARINE IRON WORKS, Andrew Gray,
proprietor, engineers, boiler-makers, black-
smiths, ship builders, etc. These works were
originally established four years ago, an

consisted of a boiler shop 40x120 feet in dimensions. Mr. Gray purchased the plant in January of this year, and since then has made some wonderful changes. He recently completed an addition to be used as a pattern and machine shop, 40x112 feet in dimensions, two stories high, and is now preparing the plans for a two storey building, 40x80 feet in dimensions, to be used as a foundry. When this is done he will have a complete plant equipped with up-to-date machinery and where employment can be furnished to one hundred men. They do anything in the machinery line, such as building engines and boilers, casting of all kinds, general blacksmithing, ship-building, etc. A specialty is made of repairing, and all work receives prompt attention. They also carry a stock of engineers and mill supplies, lubricating oils, pulleys, shafting, brass goods, etc. Mr. Andrew Gray, the proprietor, is a practical mechanical engineer and a graduate from Anderson College, Glasgow, Scotland. He has served an apprenticeship in every department of his trade, from the designing and making of patterns to the construction of huge machinery of every description, and this coupled with long years of practical experience makes him a master of its every detail. For seven years he was manager of the Albion Iron Works. He resigned that position to found the Victoria Machinery Depot 12 years ago and which has been a success. He was connected with this plant as managing director, selling out his interest in March. Mr. Gray has been in British Columbia for 20 years, and owns one of the hand-omest residences in Victoria, in which he lives.

MCCANDLESS BROS., Clothing, Furnishings, Etc. 37

Johnson St.—This is the largest clothing store in the city, as well as the oldest established. For forty-two years, in good times and bad, this store has been a successful competitor for trade, and during that time has become firmly established among the prominent, reliable and successful institutions of the city. It is a well known fact that they carry a line of goods that includes everything that could possibly be desired in a gentleman's outfit, and every grade demanded by a varied public. Their high grade stock contains the noblest fitting suits manufactured, and all of

fashionable pattern. Their stock of hats and gents furnishings are also extensive and stylish while their line of trunks and valises are of all shapes and sizes. The members of the firm are A. G. H., and G. McCandless, who succeeded Gilmore & McCandless two years ago. This firm also conduct a store in Dawson which has been running two years and carries a stock of goods suitable for that region.

THE CENTRAL DRUG STORE, Hall & Co., proprietors.
—Victoria has some of the best appointed and most care-



FARMING ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.

fully conducted drug stores in America. One that holds a high position is that known as the Central Drug Store, at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. The business was established by Hall & Co. in 1894. The premises occupied consist of a finely fitted up store, while the stock contained therein is both large and varied, being complete in every department and comprising an assortment of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals, while the supply of druggists' sundries, toilet articles and perfumes is complete. Special attention is given to the prescription department.

RICHARD BRAY, Livery, Boarding and Sale Stables, 123-124 Johnson street.—The reputation of this barn throughout the city for excellent stable accommodations, good feed and careful attention is of the highest. These stables have stall room for fifty horses and occupy two floors and basement of a large building, 80x120 feet in dimensions. They are most popular with transients and regular boarders. They make a specialty of match teams and fancy horses, and their swell turnouts are seen on every street, and going to and from places of note in this vicinity. The stables are kept open day and night, and two forces are employed. Hacks, in charge of polite drivers, are in readiness to answer calls at any hour, while their charges are most reasonable. These stables have been running ten years.

V. G. DICKINSON & CO., 113 Johnson St.—Our purpose to make this work a reliable reflex of the business of Victoria impels us to devote a few lines here to some brief mention of the facilities and character of the above house. This enterprise was started 12 years ago. The premises occupied consists of a building 40x100 feet in dimensions, two stories high, on Johnson St., and a wharf 40x100 feet in dimensions. The energies of the house are devoted to buying and selling flour, feed, hay and grain. They do both a wholesale and retail business, and among their patrons are the leading merchants in the city. Four men are constantly employed and three wagons used in making their deliveries.

VICTORIA NOVELTY WORKS, L. Hafer, proprietor, 150 Government street.—These works have a widespread

reputation for the manufacture and repair of all kinds of machinery, and especially are they equipped for light and medium work. A specialty is made of fine machine and tool work, such as the testing and repairing of steam gauges, repairing engines, valves, pumps, hydraulic jacks, bicycles, cash registers, type writers, sewing machines, also model making and manufacturing wrought iron fences and gates. Mr. Hafer, the sole proprietor of these works, has had twenty-five years' experience in the different branches pertaining to mechanism. He has been established here for three years, and gives employment to six assistants.

JAMES L. FORRESTER, the Cash Store, 82 Douglas St., paints, wall paper, window glass, mirror plates, paint brushes, artists' supplies, etc.—This is one of the most thoroughly stocked establishments in the city, and its reputation is such that those who want first-class goods invariably make their purchases at this place. Mr. Forrester established the business three years ago and with a thorough knowledge of its every detail has succeeded in building up a good patronage. He came to this city in 1892, as manager for the Canada Paint Co. of Montreal and Toronto. He was connected with this company and their predecessors for ten years, until he established his present business. He is a public-spirited citizen and believes in patronizing home industry.

E. F. GEIGER, plumbing, steam and hot water fitting, cor. Pandora and Douglas Sts.—No other thing gives more genuine satisfaction than to have the plumbing of one's home perfect in every detail. This is the business of E. F. Geiger, who is an expert and does everything in his line in a most thoroughly workmanlike manner. He makes a specialty of all kinds of jobbing and ship work, and executes all orders promptly. He also manufactures galvanized iron cornices, ceilings, skylights, fire-proof shutters, siding, etc. He has been located here for five years and has proven himself to be honorable in all his dealings.

IMPERIAL GRAIN AND COMMISSION STORE, 64 Storey St., James Townsley, Prop.—One of the most favorably known houses in the city is that conducted by Mr. Jas. Townsley, dealer in all kinds of farm produce. He invites consignments of any magnitude and he has connections and customers which assure the quickest sales and the promptest returns. He deals extensively in hay, bran, shorts, oats, wheat, broken rice, rice meal, cracked and whole corn, chop feed, flour, potatoes, apples and barley. The trade will always find attractive and high-class goods here, and offered to them at lowest current prices. Mr. Townsley has been established here for fifteen years and is thoroughly experienced in every detail relating to the business.

LEMON, GONNASON & Co., Capital City Planing Mills.—This firm certainly merits extended notice in a write-up of the manufacturing interests of the city. They combine high mechanical skill with true artistic designing, and live up-to-date business sense. They make a specialty of fine guild work, and the manufacture of bank, office and store fixtures out of the rarest and most beautiful of woods. They are extensive manufacturers of sash, doors, blinds, window and door frames, mouldings, brackets, balusters, mantles, stair railings, newel posts, etc., and do scroll sawing, turning and planing. They occupy two floors of a building 60x

ing out quantities of work, that is distributed not only in the local market, but throughout British Columbia, also the Klondyke and Atlin Districts. They are manufacturers and dealers in mouldings, doors, windows, blinds, English window glass, and do planing, sawing, etc. Their plant is equipped with improved machinery suitable for turning out the best grades of work, while thoroughly experienced men are employed. The members of the firm, Jas. Muirhead and J. G. Mann, both of whom are skilled mechanics, personally look after the various departments, they have been operating since 1870, and a large patronage is enjoyed.

HENRY RUTLAND, Clothier and Gents' Furnisher, 57 Johnson street.—In a review of the varied business interests of the city attention is called to the establishment of Mr. Henry Rutland, who is known as "the reliable" dealer in his line. He has been established in business here for nine years—at his present location three years. He carries a complete stock of clothing, furnishing goods, hats, caps and umbrellas. Also manufactures overalls, jumpers, blouses, carpenters' aprons, etc. Mr. Rutland has been a resident of Victoria for fifteen years is well and favorably known, and does a good business.

B. C. DRUG STORE.—This is a first class drug store in every particular, is located at No. 27 Johnson street and under the management of J. Teague, jr. A specialty is made of filling prescriptions and family recipes, and for which purposes he has a finely equipped laboratory, while the store is stocked with a complete assortment of fresh drugs and chemicals, also

physicians' and surgeons' supplies, proprietary remedies, tinctures, essences, sick room requisites, toilet articles, perfumes, and all kinds of druggists' fancy goods. Mr. Teague has been in the drug business for fourteen years and is thoroughly skilled in the dispensing of medicines.

THOS. F. GOLD, Cigar Manufacturer, 23 Johnson St.—The factory run by Mr. Gold employs expert labor, and the materials used are clean and of high grade. They make



SALMON FISHING AND CANNING.

100 feet in dimensions, and give employment to thirty men at present. The members of the firm are J. Lemon, B. Gonnason and A. Gonnason, who established the business in 1890, and who to-day enjoy a large patronage.

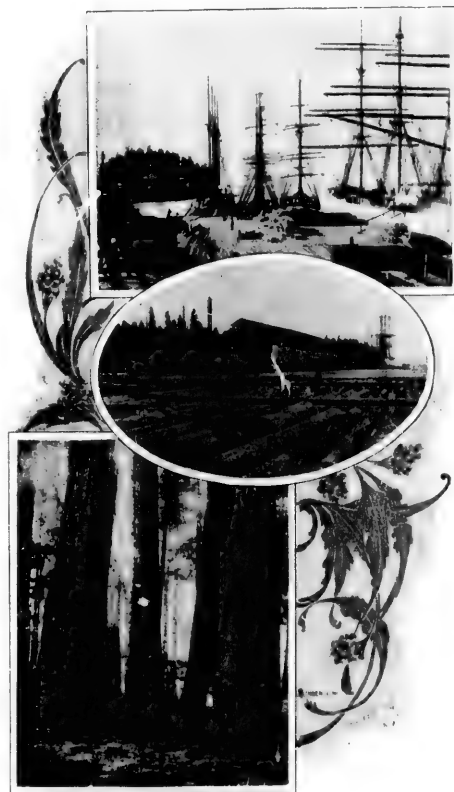
VICTORIA PLANING MILLS, Muirhead & Mann, Props.—This is one of the big milling institutions of Victoria—gives employment to forty people, and daily turn-

Havana and Domestic smokers of delicate aroma and irresistible flavor. The purest of leaf tobaccos are worked up into cigars that command the best prices in the market and the annual output is large. His leading brands are: *Flore De Cuba*, *The Capital*, *Gold's Own*, *Havana Mail* and *Henry Clay*, all well known and popular with the most educated and critical smoker.

CLAYTON & COSTIN, Practical Engineers and Machinists, 58 Johnson St.—This firm composed of men of skill and advanced ideas pertaining to mechanism, was established two years ago, and have already built up a good business. Their workshop is replete with suitable facilities for the repair of all kinds of machinery, also the building of bicycles which is a specialty, and carry a line of their own make in stock. They are agents for B. C. for the "Racyle" and have sold 100 of these wheels this season. They are also agents for all kinds of mining and milling machinery, marine and stationary engines and boilers, etc., and are prepared to set up plants and put them in running order. A specialty is made of refrigerating machinery and cold storage plants; Mr. Clayton having served 10 years in this line is regarded as an authority. They supplied the refrigerating machinery for the new brewery now building in this city on View Street, also other plants. G. L. Clayton and F. N. Costin are men who use honorable methods in their business dealings.

C. N. CAMERON, Family Grocer, 127 Douglas street.—The store run by Mr. Cameron is recognized as the place to buy table luxuries. The stock is one of the best in the city, every article being selected with especial regard to the high class patronage enjoyed by him. The store is filled with the choicest grades of staple and fancy groceries, fine bottled and canned goods, rare coffees, teas, spices, etc. The business has been running for twenty years. Mr. Cameron has been proprietor for the past nine years, and by up-right dealing has become recognized as a model man in the business world.

C. M. COOKSON, Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting, 97 Johnson St.—In no department has science bestowed more benefits and contributed more toward the health and comfort of the people than that covered by C. M. Cookson and the skilled artisans in his employ. Sanitary plumbing is science practically applied, and samples of excellent work done by Mr. Cookson can be found in many buildings throughout the city. He established his business here seven years ago, and has built up a good patronage. At



[OUR LUMBERING INDUSTRY.]

present he gives employment to nine workmen. He is one of the most wide-awake men engaged in this line in Victoria, and is ever ready to figure upon contracts, large and small, invariably guaranteeing the best workmanship and materials. He also carries a large stock of enameled bath tubs, wash basins, marble slabs and plumbing and heating supplies.

SEA & GOWEN, Hatters and Gents' Furnishers, 80 Douglas St.—This firm composed of S. Sea and F. A. Gowen, is one of the prominent in the city in their line. Their stock of gents' furnishings is one selected with a view to pleasing the swell dressers of the city, who are up to the times, and the result is that many varieties of standard goods make up their line in this department. Fashionable neckwear and stylish hats are a specialty. The hats they carry are made by manufacturers whose reputations are high as designers of correct shapes. Mr. Sea who has had 15 years experience in the business in this city took charge of the establishment five years ago. His partner Mr. Gowen came into the firm one year ago.

PICHON & LENFESTY, Practical Gunsmiths, 54 Johnson St.—This firm is composed of men who are skilled in all the arts and devices which pertain to their trade, and who combine natural ability with long experience. They do everything in fine gunsmithing, rebaring, browning and restocking guns, etc. A specialty is made of repairing, their shop being well supplied with tools, etc. suitable for turning out a finished job. They carry a large stock of guns, ammunition, fishing tackle, cutlery, etc., and are agents for the Peters Cartridge Co. The ammunition made by this company has proven itself to be strictly up-to-date in every particular. The business has been established four years. The members of the firm being Chas. Pichon and W. N. Lenfesty.

SMITH & CHAMPION, Upholsterers and Awning Makers, 100 Douglas St.—This firm is extensively engaged in the manufacture of upholstered furniture, and their store is attractive, being set off by their stock of elegant couches, lounges, mattresses and easy chairs, all the output of their own workrooms. They use only the best of materials, and every article of furniture, whether costly or of low price, is strongly and carefully made and upholstered. Repairing is a specialty, while they also manufacture blinds to order and do carpet work in first class style. They make awnings of any size and execute all orders promptly. This firm, composed of G. W. Smith and Wm. Champion, have been established one year, but the volume of business transacted, which is constantly growing, may well be envied by many another firm.

A. McGREGOR & SON, Hardware Merchants, 95 Johnson St.—This business was founded some 20 years ago. The present firm has been running the business for the past ten years and during that time has supplied much of the hardware used in this vicinity. They carry a large assortment of builders' hardware, farmers' miners' and mechanics' tools, house furnishings in tin, granite, a lumina, woodenware, cutlery, etc., also ranges, stoves and heaters. The honorable manner in which this enterprise is conducted entitles it to the esteem and consideration equally of the trade and community.

BROWN & COOPER

—Victoria has many neat and flourishing meat markets and game stores, among these may be mentioned that conducted by **W. B. Brown and T. Cooper**, at 80 Johnson street. They have been established here for three years and have built up a good patronage. They deal in fresh and smoked fish, poultry, game, oysters, etc. They also carry foreign and domestic fruits and vegetables. Patrons are always assured of securing the freshest and best of everything.

ATKINS & SCOTT, Produce and Commission Merchants.

—Though only established four months the above firm is making its influence felt in the business interests of the city. They have built up a good patronage in their line. They solicit consignments of goods on commission, while they deal in flour, feed, hay, grain, vegetables, butter, eggs, poultry, etc., also hams and bacon. In the management of their business they are live, honorable and upright and in this way have built up a good patronage. The members of the firm are **C. J. Atkins** and **J. A. Scott**, both of whom are well known in the city.

W. DUNCAN, Harness and Saddlery, 92 Douglas St.

In reviewing the mercantile houses of the city the store of **W. Duncan** comes to mind because of the attractive display of well made and handsomely mounted harness and saddles. Here the very best materials are made up into fine buggy, hack and farm harness, while the saddles, bridles, whips and horse clothing of every description all go to make up an extensive stock. A specialty is made of repairing, and the prices charged are reasonable and just. The integrity of the proprietor is a guarantee to every pur-

chaser that all goods are strictly as represented. He has been established since 1891 and enjoys a good trade.

WM. BOWNASS, Hardware, 48 Government St.—The hardware industry necessarily forms a very important branch in the general commerce of Victoria, and Mr. Bownass is a representative of the industry upon whom the greatest reliance can be placed, as he possesses the best facilities for supplying standard goods of durability, such as building hardware, mechanics' tools, cutlery, guns, tin and woodenware,

knowledge of the business. At the above address suitable premises are occupied, and the energies of the house are devoted to the handling of all kinds of country produce, poultry of all kinds, live and dressed, flour, feed, hay, grain, potatoes, butter, eggs, fruit, game, hides, wool, beans, etc. Mr. Nodek established the business here seven years ago for Hartman & Co. After running the business four years he went to Klondyke, where he spent three years, returning recently he immediately resumed business.

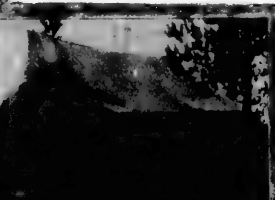
A. W. MORE & CO., Mining Brokers and Insurance Agents.—This firm established in January, 1891, and by close attention to business and strict integrity in all their dealings have built up a magnificent business in brokerage, realty and insurance. They represent the Scottish Union & National Insurance Co., the Alliance and Atlas Assurance Companies, the Dominion Permanent Loan Co., and the

Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corporation, Limited. Since 1898 they have given mining stocks special attention, and in this particular line have done a large business all over Canada, the United States and the British Isles. Mr. A. W. More is a native of St. Andrew's, Fifeshire, Scotland, where he was educated at the Madras College. Early in life he became associated with the Clydesdale Bank, both in the St. Andrew's branch and the head office in Glasgow. In 1886 he received an appointment in the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China in the head office in London. In 1888 was appointed by the Bank of British

Columbia to their Victoria office, where he arrived in February, and in 1890 was appointed as manager of their Nanaimo branch, which position he resigned at the end of the year to enter into his present business in Victoria. He is of a modest, retiring and unassuming disposition, diligent and attentive to business, obliging to clients, thoroughly honorable and honest in all his transactions. The office of the firm, adjoining the Bank of Montreal, is one of the best appointed and fitted up in the city.

GEO. POWELL & CO., CHEAPSIDE.

Everybody is familiar with this establishment, known as the "Cheapside" at No. 127 Government St., and we presume, judging from the many customers that daily



GOLD SEEKERS IN CAMP.

graniteware, boilers, as well as all kinds of plumbing supplies, and he is also the sole agent for the Superior Steel Range made in St. Louis. His premises are 25x60 feet, enabling him to carry a large stock and can offer to his customers many advantages not to be obtained elsewhere. Mr. Bownass has been established since 1895 and is one of Victoria's most respected citizens.

E. M. NODEK, Commission Merchant, 12 Store St.—Engaged prominently in the commission trade here is the enterprise of **E. M. Nodek**, who possesses a thorough

visit this mart, that they are selling a good quality of merchandise at astonishingly low prices. The premises occupied comprise three floors and basement of a building 30x100 feet in dimensions, fully stocked with stoves and ranges, tinware, crockery, glassware, cutlery, lamps, hardware, tools, etc. For variety and quality the stock is unexcelled, and if they haven't on hand what you wish they will order it for you. This business has been established for 16 years, the members of the firm being George Powell and W. D. Curral, they are conservative and honorable in all their business methods.

WESCOTT BROS. Dry Goods, 93 Douglas Street.—The institution of the above firm transpired in 1806, but the house is old established having been founded in 1880. They are importers and dealers in dry goods, both staple and fancy, and carry a large stock on hand including hosiery, underwear, furnishing goods, notions, etc. The individual members of the firm are J. R. and E. E. Wescott, both well-known residents of this community.

GEORGE MARSDEN, News Agent of "Ye Olde Corner."—For the last ten years Mr. Marsden has supplied the people of Victoria with newspapers, he has made a success of the business, and to-day has the best news stand in the city. He will be found at the corner of Yates and Government Streets, where all the leading newspapers and periodicals of the United States, Canada and England and of the very latest dates can be found. Mr. Marsden also carries a large assortment of cigars, all the various brands of tobacco, pipes of all kinds, and a general stock of smokers' materials. Mr. Marsden is entitled to credit for thrift and perseverance, without which he never could have achieved the position he now holds.

LINDLEY & FOSTER, Taxidermists, 42½ Johnson St.—This is one of the most extensive establishments of its kind in British Columbia. Here are the skins of the most rare and valuable fur-bearing animals, as well as the more common varieties, made up into the latest fur novelties of every description. All kinds of fur garments, caps, capes, muffs, mats, rugs and carriage robes are manufactured, while repairing is done in the neatest manner. A specialty is made of ladies' furs, neckwear, etc., and the dressing and lining of furs and skins for rugs. They have a large collec-

ing store in Victoria. It is one of those places which portray good management, and is conducted in a superior manner. Is centrally located and elegantly furnished, with handsome show windows, show cases and wall cabinets, while the stock, comprising a complete assortment of watches, clocks, jewellery and souvenir articles in great variety is arranged to the best advantage. In the selection of jewellery the public have to depend on the judgment and honor of the jeweller. Suffice it to say the long experience and honorable method of Mr. Redfern is sufficient guarantee that all who deal with him will receive fair treatment and honest goods, at fair prices. He makes a specialty of repairing chronometers and rating them by transit observations.

HASTIE'S FAIR, 77 Government St.—To be able to get close-by any article wanted is an accommodation always appreciated, and to get this convenience at a price as low as the lowest in the line is doubly appreciative to purchasers. The substantial growth of Victoria has made it profitable for the establishment of The Hastie Fair which contains an extensive assortment of granite ware, glassware, crockery, confectionery, stationery, toys, notions, etc. Mr. Hastie commenced business here about a year since and now employs some four people and having everything of reliable quality has an extensive patronage. Mr. Hastie is in constant supervision of the establishment and all patrons have their wants met in an efficient manner. He is also a man of good business judgment and enterprise and he is giving valuable aid in advancing the city's onward commercial progress.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS, Drayman, 38 Wharf street.—Located in the centre of the wholesale district, for ten years Mr. Williams has carried on a drayage and trucking business. He is ever attentive to business and those wishing to secure a competent drayman would do well to call on this gentleman.



BIG GAME IN THE PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.

tion of birds, animals and deer heads for sale, while their prices for mounting birds and animals are reasonable. The business has been established seven years, the members of the firm being Wm. Lindley and Fred Foster. Both of these gentlemen are thoroughly experienced and have a wide knowledge of the business. They also buy all kinds of furs and skins paying the highest market prices.

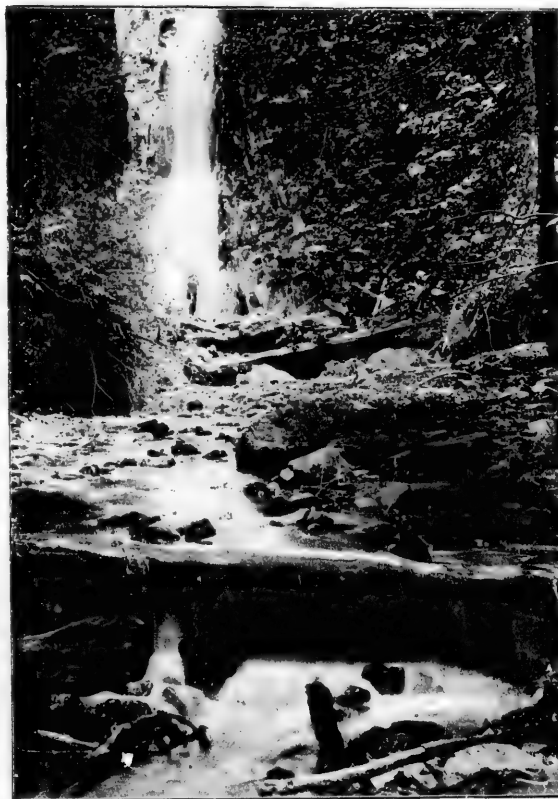
CHAS. E. REDFERN, 13 Government St.—This store, established in 1862, is the pioneer jewellery and watchmak-

SIDNEY SHORE. Hardware, 134-136 Government St.—Among the represented houses in this line in the city and worthy of note in these pages is that of Sidney Shore, established nine years, and during this time has built up a good business. The store is well stocked with all kinds of builders' and farmers' hardware, guns, ammunition, cutlery, mixed paints, oils and colors, varnish, brushes, etc. Besides a big retail trade they also do some jobbing, and during the "Klondike rush" supplied many outfits that went into that district, and which the house to-day makes a specialty.

W. H. PENNOCK, 64 Yates St.—Among the merchants who cater to the jewel loving trade, the name of Mr. Pennock, who has been established here for fifteen years, naturally comes to mind, when one wishes to buy something artistic of undoubted merit and of late design. The stock carried is selected to meet the approval of those with fastidious tastes. Beautiful gems in all the latest settings, watches, clocks and fine jewelry make up a display of goods that delight the eye. A prominent feature of the business is the manufacture of presentation jewels, gold and silver medals and the many he has made of these are conspicuous for delicate workmanship and artistic designs. A specialty is made of fine diamond and watch work.

H. E. MUNDAY, 80 Government St.—No line of business calls more loudly for good judgment and artistic taste than the shoe business. H. E. Munday possesses both these to an unusual degree, and the result is, an up-to-date stock of the best material. Mr. Munday is careful to see that no inferior goods ever get upon the shelves of his most reliable house. He is sole agent for Dick's Old Country damp proof footwear. The business has been established two years, and is fast building up a reliable trade.

THE VICTORIA TRANSFER COMPANY, LIMITED, 19-23 Broughton St.—In a city the size of Victoria the services of a first class and reliable transfer people are always in demand. This company was incorporated by special Act of Parliament in 1883. Their hack service gives universal satisfaction. They have agents on all trains and boats and will deliver baggage to any hotel or private house at any hour day or night, and at moderate prices. They employ some 100 horses and over fifty men, and have the finest and largest stock of horses, carriages, buggies and phaetons in the Province. They also furnish at short notice two, four and six-horse omnibuses for parties. They also store baggage in their extensive premises, which have a frontage of 120 feet and are of two stories on Broughton street. The name of this company is on all their carriages and conveyances. Telephone No. 129.



GOLDSTREAM FALLS.

THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, Yates St.—Of the many important Banks in Victoria none have been more keen in rendering assistance to the business operations in general, and the mining interests in particular, than the Bank of British North America. It was established in Victoria as early as 1858, being the first in the Province. Their branches on the Pacific Coast are located at the following places: Victoria, Vancouver, Rossland, Ashcroft, Greenwood, Kaslo, Atlin, Bennett, Dawson City, Yukon District, and San Francisco. The Bank was established in 1856 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1846.

Paid up capital £1,000,000
Reserve Fund 325,000

London office: 3 Clements Lane, Lombard St. E.C.; Head Office in Canada, St. James St., Montreal. H. Stikeman, General Manager; J. Elmsly, Inspector.

The branch here is under the management of Mr. Gavin H. Burns.

W. B. SHAKESPEARE, Watchmaker and Jeweler, 74 Yates St.—This gentleman, who is a well-known watchmaker and jeweler, is a native of this city. He established his place of business here two years ago, and is meeting with success. He is ready at all times to repair your watch and do the work quickly and to your entire satisfaction. He has proven himself able to do the most delicate work. A specialty is made of manufacturing all kinds of jewelry to order.

WM. BLAIR, Artist and Photographer, 60 Yates St.—Mr. Blair has been a resident of Victoria for some ten years, during which time he has been well and favourably known as a portrait painter in oil, water colors, pastel or crayon. He has had some 40 years' experience in England, where he was born, as well as in the States and Canada and has at the present time a fine collection of landscape paintings in stock. He also deals in photo novelties, stamp-buttons, crystals, watch dials, etc., and produces all kinds of photos—cabinets and stamp pictures being a specialty.

RAGSTAD & OLDERSHAW, 96½ Yates St.—This firm, composed of O. A. Ragstad and A. B. Oldershaw, are prominent as watchmakers, manufacturing jewelers and diamond setters. Both of these gentlemen are well and favourably known, having long been residents of Victoria. They established their present business two years ago. With the greatest skill and a thorough knowledge of the business, they do the most delicate repairing and manufacture the finest jewelry, with entire confidence in their ability to do it right.

CASHMORE'S BOOK EXCHANGE.—This agency has its headquarters at No. 884 Douglas Street, in a commodious store. The proprietor, Mr. T. Cashmore is general agent for and handles news and story papers, periodicals, magazines, library series of novels, stationery, tobaccos and cigars, etc. He established his agency eight years ago and has met with deserved success. The manner in which Mr. Cashmore conducts his business has made him very popular and well liked by the public at large.

VICTORIA CAFE, 51

Fort St.—Among the recent additions to the city's first class restaurants which we are fortunate to possess may be mentioned the Victoria Cafe. This most excellent establishment was opened about a year since by Mrs. M. C. and J. P. Greenwood, and at once, by the excellence of its service, the effort put forth to cater to a critical patronage and the courtesy of the management secured a firm and lasting hold on public patronage. The cuisine is excellent, only whitecocks being employed, while everything which our bountiful market produces contributes to enrich its larder. The service is very prompt, guests not being required to wait while they are being served. A pleasing feature of the cafe is the dividing up into sections of the main dining room thereby giving more privacy. A separate room is provided for ladies. Supper and dinner parties are a specialty. This is strictly a first class place, while the prices are very moderate. The fare is excellent, and already commands a large patronage. Above the entire block are twenty-six spacious rooms elegantly furnished with all modern conveniences for the use of gentlemen. They give board by the week or month at very reasonable rates.

A. A. CLAYTON, Watchmaker, Goldsmith and Jeweller, 27 Fort St.—This store is the favorite place where visitors

and tourists go to buy souvenir articles of Victoria. Mr. Clayton makes a specialty of the manufacture of these articles, and displays great taste and skill both in design and workmanship. He is a native of Australia, having spent a number of years in the Sandwich Islands, came to this city in 1883 and engaged in business, although well suited with the climate and condition of his native home

and also the Sandwich Islands, he prefers that of Victoria which, with many other men of travel, he thinks to be the finest in the world. His stock is large

Government street, Herbert Kent, manager.—The building now occupied by this firm was built to their special design. It is a first class three story brick structure of 25x70 feet area, and one of the principal features of Government street. It is a noted headquarters for high class and standard goods in the musical line. Founded as far back as 1862 it has an extensive patronage, and is most ably managed by Mr. Herbert Kent, one of Victoria's most popular and highly esteemed citizens, and one of the leading musicians. The firm carry an endless variety of sheet music, pianos of the Steinway, Nordheimer, Bell, Dominion, Heintzman and Jewett make; Esty's, Bell's and Dominion Organs, as well as Remington typewriters, Columbia, Cleveland and Crescent bicycles, Cincinnati

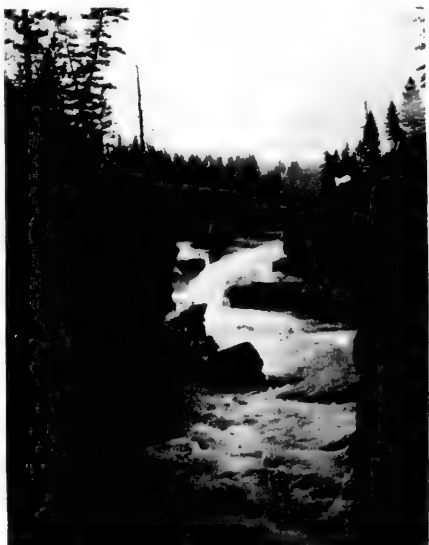
fire proof safes, May & Co., billiard tables and supplies, Golf, Tennis and Hockey goods, etc. Their stock is an extensive one and worthy of inspection.

ARMY AND NAVY

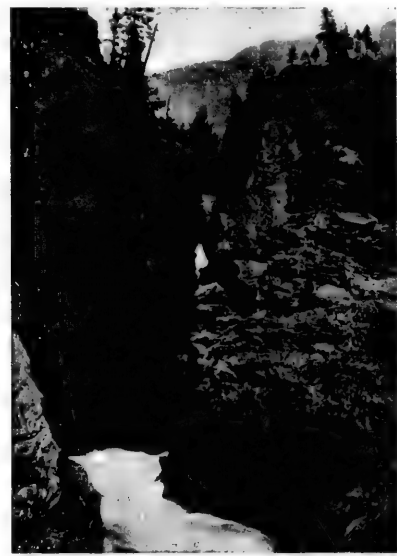
CIGAR STORE.—There has recently been opened next the Bank of Montreal on Government street a cigar store fitted out in first class style in every particular, which does great credit to two of Victoria's most popular and progressive young citizens, P. Richardson and W. V. North. They carry nothing but the finest brands of imported and domestic cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos, and have a large and well selected stock always on hand. Also a first class stock of pipes and smokers' sundries. A smoking parlor is fitted up in the rear for the convenience of friends and customers. This is also headquarters for the Fifth Regiment Band, of which Mr. North is a member, playing solo cornet. Both are courteous young gentlemen, and

visitors to Victoria will be received kindly.

ALLEN & CO., Fit-Reform Wardrobe, 73 Government St.—Just where to obtain a perfect fit in matters of cloth-



ALONG THE E. & N. RAILWAY.



PASSING THE CANYON.

and selected with unusual care, expressly for a critical custom, and conspicuous for delicate beauty and artistic workmanship. He makes a specialty of diamond setting and enameling, and a large stock of diamonds of purest ray are always kept on hand. Visitors to Victoria miss a treat if they neglect to visit this popular store.

M. W. WAITT & CO., Musical Warerooms, etc., 44

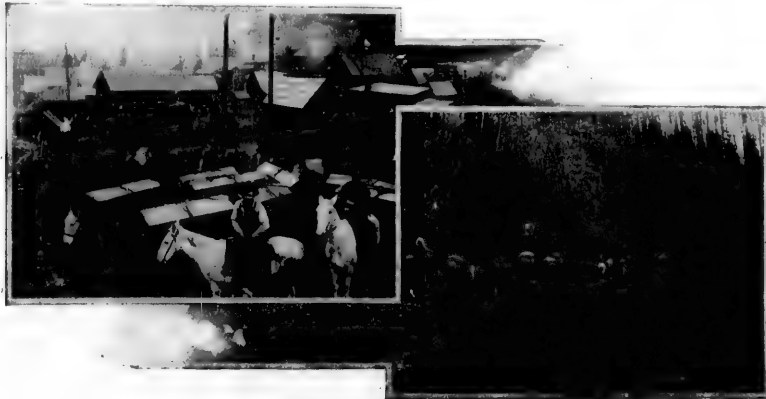
ing was always a much agitated question with the gentlemen of this city until Messrs. Allen & Co., Victoria's now most fashionable clothing house, answered to the entire satisfaction of all by establishing an agency for the famous Fit-Reform clothing in our midst in 1898. They are daily turning out such perfect fits at such astonishingly moderate prices that the people of Victoria no longer worry about being able to dress in the latest styles. As the manufacturer of these goods sets the price, and is directly responsible to the wearer for fit and quality, you can always feel confident of getting honest values. The Fit-Reform is one of the most handsomely fitted up stores in Victoria, occupying a space 25x75. The entire store is fitted in cabinet wardrobes with glass fronts where the clothing is always kept free from dust. Each cabinet contains one size of suit in all the stylish cuts and up-to-date patterns of cloth. They are all cut to fit the nine different styles of man, so that any build of man can get a perfect fit.

PEDEN BROS., Victoria Cyclery, 36 Government St.—The bicycle business has attained enormous proportions, but in no city is the wheel more popular than in Victoria, and no dealer sells more wheels to the retail trade than Peden Bros. Established one year ago these young gentlemen have built up a fine trade, they are agents for a number of the leading make of wheel, both Canadian and American. The leaders of which are the Eldridge, Andre, and Dayton. They have sold a large number of these wheels this season, and judging from the popularity this store has attained they have certainly given satisfaction. They do a big business in the renting of wheels, and a large number of wheels in first class order are always kept on hand for this purpose. A repair shop is run in connection, where nothing but expert work is turned out, and there is constantly a large number of sick wheels at their shop to be doctored.

THE LITTLE SWEETLAND CONFECTIONERY & PRESERVED FRUIT MANUFACTURING CO., Sale Store, 99 Government street corner Yates street; Factory, 45 Johnson street; H. Bancroft, manager.—This popular resort of the Victorians is on the corner of Government and Yates street, and here are found the purest and daintiest assortments manufactured, such as Turkish Delight, French

and Turkish Nugate, as well as the finest chocolate cream and bon bons, the richest of delicately flavored ice cream sodas and iced drinks all served in a most attractive form. They have also a well conducted factory at 45 Johnson street where they produce the most delicious preserved fruits in great variety.

THE HINTON ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.—Nearly a hundred years ago the nineteenth century looms up from an almost impenetrable darkness. Innovations and discoveries have been made that the people living but a few generations back, either would have claimed to be miracles or condemned the inventor to be burned at the stake for



EN ROUTE TO THE YUKON GOLD FIELDS.

witchcraft. What would have been wonders to them are to us every day occurrences. Truly this century has been the most enlightened one that has dawned upon the human race. Inventions of all kinds have sprung up in the last generation even, and the greatest of these is electricity. Men of brains, energy and push have taken it up, invested their money and brought it to a stage that proclaims success, and to-day we find innumerable uses for this great invention. Many combinations of men of wealth, intellect, imbued with nineteenth century ideas of progress have been formed with the express purpose of pushing the advancement of the application of electrical science to the very pinnacle of perfection. Such a combination is the Hinton Electric Company, who established here in 1891, and opened

a branch office in Vancouver in 1898. They undertake the supplying of everything in the line of electrical and mechanical engineering, including lighting and power plants, elevators, pumps and ice plants, dynamos and motors, and all kinds of electrical supplies with engines.

BAKER'S SHOE PARLORS, 50 Government St.—This store conducted by J. H. Baker, has for eighteen years been headquarters for fine footwear in Victoria, and the most beautiful goods in the shoe line to be bought to-day are kept in stock. Since going into business he has catered to the fashionable trade of this city, and by carrying nothing but the best, the latest shapes and the most beautifully finished goods, he has succeeded in building up a trade that others have tried in vain to wrest from him. As a citizen Mr. Baker takes a prominent and lively interest in all matters of civic benefit, and is interested in seeing the city grow and prosper.

FLETCHER BROS., Dealers in Musical Instruments, 63 Government St.—This house was established in 1882, some eighteen years ago and has become a noted headquarters for high class and standard goods in the musical line and carries a large and extensive stock of musical instruments and the finest strings. They have developed a trade of magnitude and their patrons are of the best class. They handle the celebrated Gerhard Heintzman and Newcombe Pianos, also the best class of organs made by Stanley & Ennis, Doherty, Mason, Hamlin, and others as well as the Domestic and other sewing machines. They also keep a full line of harps, violins, guitars, mandolins, banjos, etc. All the newest melodies in sheet music are to be found at this emporium. We advise all those musically inclined to pay Fletcher Bros. a visit. They have also a branch store at Nanaimo.

JOHN FULLERTON, Importer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes, 103 Government St.—This establishment, founded some sixteen years ago, covers an area of 25x60 feet. It is stocked with one of the most varied assortments of footwear in the city. An endless variety of boots and shoes suited to any foot and for every class of customer, from those who walk upon carpeted floors to those who penetrate the mountains or work in the woods. In our opinion no shoe dealer can serve the best interests of the masses as can Mr. Fullerton.

FREDK. NORRIS. Harness and Saddlery, 120 Government Sts.—This is one of the prominent business houses in the city devoted to the manufacture of high-grade harness, saddles, bridles, trunks, etc. The premises occupied on Government street comprises two floors of a large brick building, the lower floor being fully stocked with the highest grade goods of every thing in their line, while the upstairs department is devoted to the manufacture of their goods. Mr. Norris also runs a tannery and trunk factory, located on the shores of Rock Bay where are manufactured the finest quality of harness and also leather and all kinds of trunks. There are fourteen experienced men employed in the various departments.

J. H. TODD & SON, 72 Wharf Sts.—This firm are most extensive wholesale grocers and importers of general merchandise, their leaders being sugars, provisions, teas, coffees, butter and cheese. They are also agents and owners of the Richmond Canning Co. and Beaver Canning Co., situated on Fraser River, and classed among the largest salmon canning concerns. Their famous brands of salmon are Horne Shoe, Beaver, Tiger, Royal Eagle and Columbia (all registered). A very large trade is transacted by the firm throughout the Province.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET CO., LTD., Wholesale and Retail Butchers and Packers, Cor. Yates and Government Sts.—In supplying large quantities of meats there is ever a field for those who are skilled in the selection of live stock for slaughter. The company named above are noted for the success they have met with in securing only the best of the mighty herds that roam our western plains. They deal in fresh meats of all kinds, home cured hams, bacon, lard, etc., and in order that these may be of the best they pay the highest market price for all shipments of live stock consigned to them. They have a large cold storage plant of the latest and most approved design, and do not depend on Victoria alone for patronage, but have a branch at 202 Carrall street, Vancouver, where they also do a very large business. They have been established in business in this city for twenty-five years, and incorporated under the management of Mr. E. E. Welch in 1889, give employment to thirty-five people and are the leaders in their line in British Columbia.

THE VICTORIA FINANCE, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BROKERAGE COMPANY, LTD.—This company is fortunate in having as its managing director F. G. Richards, who has had vast experience in real estate transactions, and who has sold more real estate, and consummated more large sales, than any other person in the business. He is familiar



with lands in all parts of the Province. This company has listed with them for sale many desirable properties—residential, business and country—and enjoy the reputation of furnishing the best bargains to be found in the market. They are general agents for Vancouver Island for the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., and the Temperance and General Life Insurance of North America. They have houses for rent, and money to loan, on mortgage in sums to suit, at the lowest rate of interest. Mr. Richards is also a Notary Public, and persons having business to transact will certainly find it to their interest to entrust the same to this firm, whose office is located at No. 10 Broad street, corner View, Victoria, B. C.

H. L. SALMON, Importer of Tobacco, Cigars and Smokers' Supplies, Salmon Block.—Right in the heart of the city, where all street cars stop before departing to the various additions and suburban settlements, on the corner of Yates and Government streets, is located the cigar store of Mr. H. L. Salmon, and no more popular place of any kind is in the city than this well kept and extensively stocked establishment. This is possibly the oldest cigar store in the city having been established sixteen years ago by Mr. Salmon, who to-day, as always, carries a class of goods adapted to his high-class trade, which includes all the popular and choice brands of imported goods. A branch store is conducted in Vancouver at the corner of Cordova and Cambie streets, and was established in 1868, and is the largest store devoted to this business in Canada.

R. MAYNARD, Photographic Supplies, Kodaks, Klondike outfits, Leather and Shoe Findings.—This place of business is one of the oldest in Victoria, having been established forty years ago. Maynard's Photographic Gallery is well known to every Victorian: the Studio is on the upper floor, where an endless variety of styles of portraits can be seen attesting to their skill, they are dealers in all kinds of supplies for photographers, as well as kodaks, plates, lanterns, etc. On the lower floor they carry a large stock of leather and shoe findings, California Scales, Beardmore's cut soles, Klondike creepers and Klondike cobbler's outfits. The photograph goods are of the best that the English market affords. Their portraits of children are probably unsurpassed on the Coast.

THE B. C. NOVELTY WORKS, James Newbigging proprietor, 105 Douglas Street.—These works are completely equipped for the repair of sewing machines, lawn mowers, typewriters, bicycles, cash registers, safes and locks, and delicate work of all kinds. Mr. Newbigging has been in this line of business here for several years, and during that time has become

widely known as a man who is skilled in all the arts and devices that pertain to his trade. All work is guaranteed, while his charges are reasonable.

WM. MABLE, Carriage Builder, 115 Johnson St.—By no firm is this business more ably and honorably represented in Victoria than by Mr. Mable. His works are well equipped with machinery peculiarly adapted to the manufacture of high grade carriages, buggies, wagons, trucks, etc., and the works are famous for the excellence of their output. Mr. Mable is a veteran in this line, and established his present business in 1887. He now employs eight skilled workmen. A specialty is made of putting the Kelly-Springfield rubber tires on new or old wheels, and does practically all this work in the city. He also does general blacksmithing.

F. R. STEWART & CO., A. Brechley, Mgr. 40 Yates St.—One of the largest and most favourably known houses in British Columbia is conducted by the above named firm, who are wholesalers of provisions and all kinds of foreign and domestic fruits. The head office and establishment of this firm is located in Vancouver, founded some ten years ago. The business became so large that in 1894 it was necessary to establish a branch house in this city to meet the demands of the trade. In 1896 a branch was established in Nelson and a year later another branch was established in Revelstoke. The premises in Victoria occupy two floors of a large brick building, 35x120 feet in area. Altogether the firm employs 40 people, and five travelling salesmen constantly on the road. A very large trade is enjoyed by the firm, and the business is rapidly increasing. During the past few years they have shipped to Dawson and the Yukon.

WADE & McKEON, Manufacturers and Dealers in Saddle, Harness and Saddles, 44 Yates St.—This business has been established two years, occupies a store 18x85 feet in dimensions, besides a well-equipped workshop in the rear where eight men are employed manufacturing the highest grade goods with which the store is completely stocked. A specialty is made of the genuine Concord harness and stock saddles. A very large trade is enjoyed by the firm, the members of which are A. E. Wade, manager, who has been connected with the harness business in this city for twenty years, and W. J. McKeon, a long-time and popular resident.

R. BAKER & SON, Grain and Commission Merchants, 30 Yates St., near Wharf St.—This firm is well and widely known in Victoria and the surrounding country, established over 33 years



1. Mothers of the Tribe. 2. Indian Ponies. 3. Indian Tepees. 4. Indian Graves.
5. War Shield. 6. Interior View. 7. Indian Village. 8. Totem Poles.

since its trade under the able management of Mr. M. Baker has grown to large proportions until now they are probably second to none in local traffic. The premises occupied are of some 30x110 feet area, and give work to three office men. They have several waggons always busy, and do a wholesale as well as a retail trade. They receive large consignments of fruits and eggs as well as flour, feed, field seeds, also do in grain sacks. The firm pays cash for all kinds of produce.

PROVINCE CIGAR CO., D. T. Barnhart, Mgr., 46 Yates St.—This is the largest establishment in the city devoted to the manufacture of fine Havana cigars. Thirteen expert workmen are here employed and the output of the factory quite large. Their popular brands are "The Province," "Rosebud," "Cuban Special," and "Duke of York," all of which embody in the highest degree of excellence all that is good and pure and finest tobacco delightful in the finest tobacco that can be grown. They are now introducing a new brand known as Royal Bobs, a five cent cigar, and which it is expected will be in large demand. The members of this company are J. H. Penketh, J. Lovell Smith, J. P. Ayne, and D. T. Barnhart, who is manager. All of these gentlemen are thoroughly experienced and unrivalled as judges of good tobacco, and they know how to make a "good cigar."

JAMES MORRISON, Dealer in Tools and Machinery, Ship and Engine Smith, 95 Wharf St.—Mr. Morrison has been located in Victoria for ten years, and during that time has become firmly established. He is an excellent workman, having had over thirty-two years' experience, learning his trade in Glasgow, Scotland. His shop is well-equipped—the machinery being run by electric power, for doing all classes of ship-work, engine and machinery repairing, etc. Miners' picks, drills, etc., are supplied to order; also every description of sealing gear, and plumbers' outfits. From four to six workmen find employment here. Mr. Morrison is a practical man in every branch of his work, and possesses qualifications that insure success in every undertaking, so all orders are promptly executed and in the best manner.

G. A. RICHARDSON & CO., Dry Goods, 82 Yates St.—This firm has been established 7 years, occupies 2 floors of a building 30x60 feet, where a most varied assortment of staple and fancy dry-goods is carried. The stock is ever new, elegant and stylish, the regular patronage being so great that all goods are sold when in fashion, and shop-worn goods being unknown to this house. Five clerks are required to wait upon customers. As all goods are bought and sold for cash only, the prices are very low.

SYRIAN STORE, A. N. Bahy, Proprietor, corner Johnson and Douglas Sts.—At this store can be found a varied assortment of goods from all parts of the world, Jerusalem, Constantinople, Damascus, Europe and New York. Besides novelty goods is carried a line of watches, jewelry, dry goods, fancy goods, notions and Japanese silks. The prices for these are the most reasonable, and those looking for genuine bargains should not fail to visit the store. It has been established for nine years, and is a popular trading center.

MOWAT & WALLACE, Staple and Family Grocers, No. 77 Yates St.—The proprietors of this house have been connected with the business for a number of years and are well and favorably known to Victorians. Their trade although lately established is steadily growing in all its branches until now they are employing two delivery wagons to serve their customers, while another is used in city work. Two representatives of the house are constantly out in the city in connection with orders. They make a specialty of tea and coffee, for which they have a fast increasing demand. We predict for this house a very large trade in the near future.

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, Miss M. King, Proprietress.—This excellent hotel is located in the Theatre Block, corner of Douglas and View Streets, and contains 22 guest chambers, all newly and elegantly furnished single and en suite, a plentiful supply of porcelain lined baths are in the house, which has direct communication with the Victoria Theatre, a very great convenience, it has also extra protection against fire being provided with several efficient fire escapes. The offices and reading rooms are commodious, while the cuisine is of the best. The hotel is presided over by a lady who has had much experience in such matters and one who studies the comfort of her guests. Terms are very moderate.

A. W. KNIGHT, Bookseller and Stationer, News Agent, Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, &c., 75 Yates St.—Knight's Book-store has now become a leading feature in Victoria. Established in 1893, the business has steadily gone ahead until now a large periodical trade has been obtained. Publications of every kind that the diversified tastes of the reading public demand will be found here. All the latest novels are secured and offered to the public as soon as published, and the standard magazines are kept on sale. The line of stationery is very fine. He also keeps a choice collection of cigars, pipes and tobaccos, and the honorable manner in which the store has ever been conducted is witnessed by the crowd of well pleased customers ever going and coming from this store.

GEO. MORRISON & CO., Chemists and Druggists, 55 Government St.—The many high class drug stores in this city are a credit to it, but none more so than the one established by Geo. Morrison & Co. in 1892. It was the first regular drug house started in Victoria, and has seen the city grow from a log cabin settlement to the magnificent Victoria of to-day. Mr. Morrison always stood high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and no where are prescriptions compounded with greater care than at this old reliable store. The business has been carried on by Mr. Langley for the past nine years, and has lost none of its old

time popularity under his able management. They carry a complete stock of drugs, patent medicines, chemicals and sundries.



and make a specialty of miners' medical outfits, without which no prospector should go into the hills.



PROSPECTING ON THE WEST COAST.

GIDEON HICKS & CO., Piano Warerooms, 88 Government St.—There is as much difference in pianos as there is in the dealers, and as few people buy more than one piano in a lifetime, and the purchase is one that involves a considerable amount of money, it is therefore very desirable that they should make it at a place where a reliable and a really first class instrument can be obtained, and such can be had at Hicks & Co's warerooms, as they are the sole agents for the Mason & Risch and the Chickering Piano

on the Island as well as the Mainland (having a house in Vancouver. Also for the Edison and the newer and most useful instrument, the Pianola, the sales of which have become extensive. These instruments are offered to their patrons at the same prices as are fixed by the manufacturer which is an important consideration to the purchaser.

THOMAS & GRANT, Civil and Military Tailors, 92 Government St.—The proficiency of this firm as tailors is well recognized by the people of Victoria and vicinity from whom they receive a liberal patronage. They are expert cutters of the fashionable styles introduced and guarantee a perfect fit made in the very latest pattern of cloth, as they are large importers of the best and most stylish foreign and domestic fabrics. They are men of many years experience, having been associated with the business in this city for 15 years, for the past 8 years have been in business for themselves, and have built up a substantial trade, and reputation for first-class work and fair prices. They employ a large force and give special attention to mail orders.

HENRY CLAY, Manufacturer of Bread and Confectionery, 30 Fort St.—This house has been established for over eleven years, and as they have undeviatingly adhered to the true principles of commercial honor and have profitably created the high reputation of their products by making purity the main essential in their manufacture, as today the difficulty of obtaining candies and confections totally devoid of adulterations and deleterious substances is so great that the advantages of dealing with a house whose reputation is so high for making none but the best and purest goods are at once apparent. Their goods are of the highest standard and always command a ready sale. Especially to be noted are their delicious Chocolate Creams. Their elegant and comfortable ice-cream parlors where light lunches can be obtained are well known to the ladies of Victoria. Mr. Clay until his death, two years ago, was one of Victoria's most highly esteemed and respected citizens. Since which time the business has been conducted by Mrs. Clay. She makes a specialty of

catering, supplying china and silver service, and waiters for elaborate dinners, suppers, breakfast, parties, etc.

DAVID LINDSAY, Clothing, etc., corner Johnson and Store Sts.—For fifteen years Mr. Lindsay has been doing business in this city as importer and dealer in ready-made clothing, hats, caps and gent's furnishing goods. He carries a large stock, and it is with every assurance of getting a suit that will fit in every way and made of the best materials that one enters this store to look over the assortment.

E. G. PRIOR & Co., LTD., LTD., Hardware, Tools, Iron, Wagons, Carriages, Farm Implements and Machinery.—This house has been before the public of Victoria for quite a lengthened period, having been established in the pioneer days of 1859. The present company was incorporated in 1891 with Hon. E. G. Prior, president; G. F. Matthews, vice-president, and J. W. Wynne, managing director. The premises occupied comprise a handsome three-story building and basement, 45x100 feet in dimensions, and for quality and extent the stock is not excelled. They are sole agents for British Columbia for a number of leading manufacturing concerns, among them being Massey-Harris Co., Sawyer & Massey, St. Allen's Foundry Co., Manson, Campbell, Watson Mfg. Co., Bain Wagon Co., Bradford Carriage Co., and F. E. Meyers & Bro. The firm have branch houses in Vancouver and Kamloops. A very large business is transacted and employment is furnished 21 clerks.

R. T. COOPER, Commission Merchant, 3-5 Johnson St.—Among leading houses engaged in the general commission business is that of R. T. Cooper, which was started two years ago, and has since greatly expanded and developed. In the prosecution of the business the firm occupies two floors of a double store room, 50x90 feet in dimensions. The specialty of the house comprises every description of country produce, and they are very large receivers of these staples, also smoked and cured meats, etc. A prominent feature of the business is dealing in grocery specialties.

THE MAMMOTH, Wholesale and Retail Clothing, 111 Government street, Victoria and Dawson.—This establishment, founded some twenty-two years ago by M. Marks carries an immense stock of men's fine clothing as well as furnishing goods of all descriptions, boots and shoes, miners and loggers outfits, etc., etc. The stock includes everything that could possibly be desired in a man's outfit, every grade demanded by a varied public, well fitting, of the latest style, and his prices will be found to be the most reasonable. They have as well a branch house in Dawson which mostly does a wholesale trade. Mr. W. S. Phillips, who joined the house about a year since, is the manager of the business in Victoria, while Mr. Marks looks after the interests of the Dawson branch.

H. M. GRAHAME, Finance, Estate and Insurance Agent, Notary Public, etc.—Successor to the well known firm of Lowenbergs, Harris & Co., which was established some 35 years ago. Mr. Grahame was for some seven years connected with the above house as manager of the insurance department, previous to which he was some five years with the Bank of Montreal, and also eight years with the Hudson Bay Co. He is President of the Vancouver Island Board of Underwriters, a director of the Jubilee Hospital member of the Council of the Board of Trade, also an officer in the 5th Regiment, Canadian Artillery, and Consular Agent for France. The business of this house is a large one, and his list of city

properties, farming lands and unimproved properties is quite extensive. One of the leading insurance agencies in this city is the one conducted by this gentleman, he representing the Commercial Union Assurance Co., and London Assurance Corporation, both fire and marine, also Northern Counties Investment Trust, Ltd., of Bradford, Eng., and the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation. He is a Notary Public, and also negotiates loans and attends to collection of rents for non-resident property holders. He is a well known and highly respected citizen of Victoria.

MOORE & WHITTINGTON, Contractors, Carpenters and Builders, 106 Douglas St.—There is no line of business which involves a higher responsibility or which engages a greater enterprise than that of the carpenter and builder, and in this

E. ANDERNACH, Manufacturing Watchmaker and Jeweller, 57 Yates St.—Mr. Andernach has been a resident of this city for the past ten years, establishing himself in business on Yates street in 1890, and is a most practical manufacturer, having worked at this business nearly all his life, and in nearly every country in Europe. He learned his business in Germany, and is therefore thoroughly competent to repair any and every description of watch, chronometer or clock, or can manufacture any article of jewelry. He is an artistic diamond setter of which there are very few; can do the highest class of engraving and enamelling, and also does gold and silver plating; in short, he is a master worker in gold and silver in all its forms.

JOSEPH A. SAYWARD, Manufacturer and Dealer in Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Spars, Mouldings, etc.—Standing at the gateway of the twentieth century, Victoria has a record of progress that can be shown of no other city of its size on the Pacific Coast. Its great commercial industries and manufactures have given it a financial standing, and its beautiful residences, lovely streets and handsome churches proclaim it to be a city of homes. Great business interests have made it a city of wealth, refinement and culture, and among the houses that have been instrumental in its building up is that of Joseph A. Sayward. The business was founded in the pioneer days of 1858 by W. P. Sayward at Mill Bay, Shawnigan District. Twenty-five years ago the plant was moved to Victoria and at once took a high place in the business world. Joseph A. Sayward took charge four and a half years ago, and conducts it with success. The plant and yards cover an area of five acres. The mill has a capacity of 50,000 feet every ten hours, and gives employment to 60 men, besides 90 men in the logging camps constantly getting out timber. The output is consumed by the local market, besides large quantities being shipped to Klondyke and the White Horse regions, also Australia and China.

THE BLUE POST, Saloon and Grocery, 114-116 Johnson street, J. M. Hughes, Proprietor.—The Blue Post has been a familiar trading centre in Victoria for thirty years, and as the years roll by the Post becomes more and more famous, not only for the number of long years it has been in existence, but for the high quality of goods that can there be had. At present the Blue Post is under control of J. M. Hughes, who became the proprietor in July, and who has been connected with the grocery business in this city for seventeen years. By long experience and a thorough knowledge of its every phase and detail he is enabled to thus keep the stock of groceries, which includes both staple and fancy, up to the highest standard, while in the saloon adjoining the grocery department, nothing but the finest brands of wines, liquors and cigars are dispensed.



E. G. PRIOR & COMPANY.

connection can be mentioned no more reliable firm than Moore & Whittington, who need no introduction, as their seven years of business in this city has been characterized by work of such a high nature as fully stamps a lasting impression upon the community. They do all kinds of job work in their line, and are ready to take contracts for any kind of building, cheerfully furnishing estimates upon application. Only the highest skilled talent is employed, while all work is given their personal supervision and is executed in the very best and most substantial manner. They also have the right to manufacture the Kelley air trap sanitary closet, an excellent and much needed article for use in unserved parts of cities, and is highly recommended by physicians and boards of health wherever it is introduced.

P. McQUADE & SON, 78 Wharf St.—The business of this firm was established in the pioneer days of Victoria's history, in the year 1858, and from that time to the present have always maintained a high position in the trade. They are extensive importers and dealers in manila and hemp cordage, anchors, chains, rosin, pitch, tar, turpentine, nails, wrought and cut spikes, rubber and hemp packing, cement, plaster paris, lime, fire clay, brushes, ship chandlery, all kinds of oils, paints and window glass. They are sole agents for the Sherwin-Williams paints. The house possesses all the advantages of ample capital, and it is enabled to employ it to the best results in making purchases, ensuring that the lowest prices shall be placed at the disposal of their patrons.

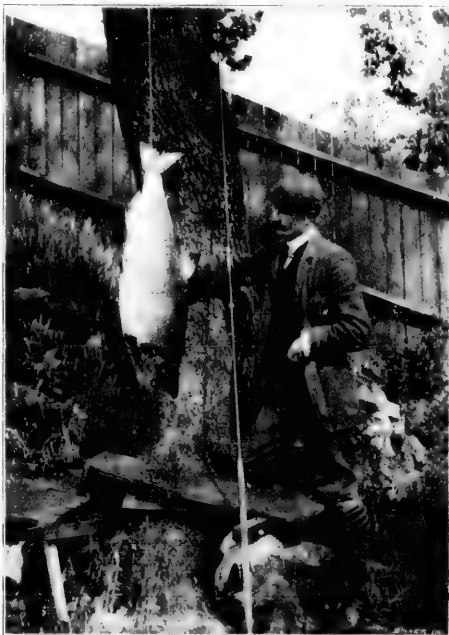
ORIENTAL HOTEL, Wm. McKeon & Son., 36 to 40 Yates St.—This first class house is well and favourably known throughout British Columbia and on the Pacific Coast. It was established some forty years ago by the senior partner, who about twenty years since admitted his son into partnership. The establishment contains some 75 rooms, all most comfortably and elegantly furnished, has a large and airy dining room capable of seating over one hundred guests, an office and reading room; billiard and bar rooms also. The house is well provided with hot and cold baths, and is lit throughout by electricity, as well as gas. The cuisine is of the best, while the service is all that could be desired. The rates are very moderate, being only \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day. Taking it altogether this is one of the most comfortable and home-like places in the city.

SPRINKLING & CO., Merchant Tailors, 76½ Yates St.—This firm is composed of men who are thoroughly skilled and experienced as cutters and fitters of men's fine clothing. They have been established three years at their present quarters. They give employment to four assistants and make perfectly fitting suits for as low as \$18. It is the boast of their customers that when an order is given this firm, the suit turned out will be just as ordered and of the latest fashion. They also do cleaning and repairing at the most reasonable charges. They also do "bespoke" tailoring in all its branches.

MISS F. J. DUFFIE, Exclusive Millinery, 66 Yates St.—This is the only establishment in the city devoted exclusively to millinery. It is the leader in fashions. The latest thing out in the large cities, is sure to be the very article offered for sale by Miss Duffie. Making it an unailing rule to show and sell her goods while they are in style, she is constantly buying new goods, and in her store are found the brightest, newest and most stylish millinery. Miss Duffie has spent sixteen years in the millinery business, coming to this city from Montreal eight years ago. She employs four assistants and caters to the high class trade.

B. WILLIAMS & CO., W. T. Williams, prop., Clothiers, Hatters and Outfitters.—No more desirable location could be secured in the city than the one devoted to the big clothing house of Mr. Williams, 68 and 70 Yates street, with a

frontage of 46 feet and extending back 75 feet. On either side of the main entrance are the largest and most convenient plate glass show windows in the city, which are ever decorated with new and fashionable goods, an index of what may be seen in the inside. The store is very extensive and up to the latest ideas in gentlemen's dress, and comprises clothing, hats, caps, neckwear, underwear.



SHORT WITH THE ROB—A BIG CATCH.

trunks, valises and blankets. They are agents for Christy's hats, Jaeger's underwear, "Health" underwear, Sanford's clothing, Dent's gloves. A specialty is made of Eastern tailor-made suits to measure—fit and finish guaranteed. Mr. Williams commenced this business in this city some twenty years ago at 97 Johnson street in a

small way. By selling reliable goods and being honest in his representations, succeeded in gaining the confidence of many customers and friends. His trade became so large that the first of this year he was compelled to erect his present magnificent house—a model of its kind—for the accommodation of patrons and the large stock he necessarily carries.

FRED. CARNE, JR., Importer and Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, 89 Yates St.—The favorable regard in which Mr. Carne has long been held must be taken into consideration, as well as strong commercial reasons, which may be epitomized in the statement that he knows the trade and markets thoroughly, and with the best goods that money will buy, knows how to meet the popular demand and approval of the people. A native of Devonshire, England, for 36 years a resident of Victoria, and 26 years of this time he has been inseparably connected with the grocery business. Seventeen years ago he went into business for himself and from that day to this he has never lacked customers. To-day he enjoys a large patronage, occupies two floors 25x50 feet in area, and gives employment to four clerks. Mr. Carne is a popular resident of Victoria. His home is one of comfort and he is the head of a most charming family.

HENRY SHORT & SONS, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas St.—This popular establishment, founded 38 years ago, is one of the pioneers of Victoria's commerce. Mr. Henry Short, the senior partner, gave up a position as manager of one of the best known gun establishments in Great Britain to establish this business in 1862. Messrs. Short & Sons are always courteous and ready to attend to the demands made upon them in their line, they are the best known dealers and importers of guns, rifles, hunting goods and ammunition, and carry a very large and complete stock of fishing tackle, lawn-tennis, golf, cricket, football goods, etc. The two sons, H. N. and H., are known all over the province as first-class trap shots, and sportsmen and tourists may receive valuable information from this firm, they are sole agents in B. C. for Dupont's celebrated black and smokeless gunpowder.

JOHN MESTON, 67 and 69 Broad St.—No name is more widely known than that of Mr. John Meston, who has been established in this city for 20 years as the leading manufacturer and importer of carriages, farm wagons, plows, harrows, etc., also general blacksmithing and repairing. He occupies three floors and basement of a large building 60x120 feet in dimensions, thoroughly equipped with modern mechanical devices for executing the finest work. A specialty is made of building wagons and carriages of every description to order. During the past year Mr. Meston has built no less than thirty-five farm and freight wagons, and forty carriages and buggies. Among others he is now building a fine bus for the Hotel Vernon. These works are famous for the excellence of their output and every vehicle is fully guaranteed. At present 12 expert workmen are employed. In the salesroom department may also be found a number of wagons, carriages and buggies manufactured by Eastern concerns. A specialty is made of putting the Morgan-Wright rubber tire on all kinds of conveyances.

S. J. PITTS Importer and Commission Merchant, 10 Yates St.—Viewed from a commercial standpoint the importance of the fruit and produce commission business here in Victoria at the present day can scarcely be over estimated. This is well represented by the above well known firm. Established some twenty-five years since, their premises on Yates street have a frontage of 32 feet running back some 85 feet, where they are 54 feet wide and are built of brick two stories, giving employment to seven people. They also employ a traveller and have a large connection not only in British Columbia, but do a profitable trade with the Yukon Country. This house makes fruit a specialty in which they deal extensively. They are also importers of groceries and provisions and their business is rapidly increasing.

SWINNERTON & ODDY, Accountants, Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents, 106 Government St.—This firm have listed many valuable pieces of property. They also act as agents for owners of property. They are accountants as well as agents for the Manchester Fire Assurance Co., The Provincial Building and Loan Association, W. P. Harvey assay office and chemical laboratory, Vancouver, the tug Sadie, also the Silver Hustler Mining Co., Ltd. the Victoria Mining and Development Co., are also dealers in coal and wood. Their business as underwriters and financial agents is quite extensive.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, Cor. Wharf and Johnson Sts., Geo. I. Dunn, Prop.—Among the hotels of the city that bid for the patronage of the public and receive their full share is the Occidental. This hotel contains 50 rooms, all well furnished and provided with electric lights, hot and cold baths and every convenience. The dining room has a seating capacity for fifty people and all of the best "frits" and delicacies find their way here, while the rates range from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day, according to room. The proprietor, Mr. Dunn, is well and favourably known as a caterer of ability, having been steward of the Badminton Club of this city for three years, and steward of the Manitoba Club, Winnipeg, for seven years. He has been proprietor of the Occidental since July 7th.

THE B. C. COLD STORAGE AND ICE WORKS, Bonded and ordinary warehouse, Ice Manufacturers, Hydrox re-distilled; Water for table use, 26-28 Store Street—The plant of this concern which was established some five years since, is quite extensive, they having no less than 100,000 square feet of storage space. The capacity of the storage plant is 20 tons, while the ice plant turns out 10 tons daily. They are agents for a number of firms, and do a

general storage and commission business, buying and selling produce of all kinds. They handle as well large quantities of Australian produce, such as butter, canned meats, frozen mutton, etc., etc. The ice trade has become a feature in the business, keeping some ten men busy. They have also a large demand for their Hydrox re-distilled water for table use. Altogether the concern is in a flourishing condition. They have an office in Vancouver as well.

THE HICKMAN TYE HARDWARE CO., Ltd, Importers of Iron and Steel and Hardware, 32-34 Yates Street—One of the pioneer houses of Victoria, first established in 1858, under the name of Matthews, Richards and Tye, assuming its present style in 1895. This large, busy and progress-



C. P. N. STEAMERS LEAVING VICTORIA.

ive establishment is located on Yates Street in two brick buildings, each having an area of 30x120 feet. They are direct importers of iron and steel and all kinds of hardware. They deal in heavy and shelf goods, and the stock is complete even to the slightest detail. They make a specialty of handling mining and milling machinery of every variety, as well as mining and milling supplies of all the different kinds. They are wholesale and retail dealers, and employ about six people. They also have a large trade in the Yukon, as well as all over British Columbia. They are agents for E. C. Atkins & Co.'s Saws, Mann & Co.'s "Red Warrior" Axes, and also deal largely in leather and rubber belting. They also have a branch store at Alberni, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Fullest stock.

RAYMOND & SONS, office corner Government and Pandora Sts.—This firm are extensive dealers in lime, lath, hair, brick, fire-brick, and cement, are sole agents for Nephth plaster paris, and manufacturers of the celebrated Rosebank lime. They have lime kilns at Esquimalt and Shawmin Lake, where they are constantly turning out quantities of lime. Their storage warehouses and wharves are on the James Bay near Belleville street. The firm is composed of J. Raymond and his two sons, J. Raymond, Jr., and P. A. Raymond. They have been established fourteen years and from the outset secured a liberal and influential patronage. The elder Mr. Raymond was for twenty years engaged in this business at London, Ontario, before coming here.

THE BRUNSWICK HOTEL, Mrs. M. White, Prop., Yates St.—The Brunswick is conducted upon the European plan, contains 100 rooms, all of which are well furnished and provided with every convenience necessary for the comfort of patrons. Mrs. White has long been in the hotel business in this city, which has familiarized her with the requirements of guests, and nothing is lacking to please. She purchased the Hotel Wilson on the opposite side of Yates street the first of September—which she thoroughly renovated, painted and refurnished throughout in modern style. This hotel contains 50 rooms. Both of these hotels are very centrally located and the rates charged are most reasonable. The Brunswick is managed by Mr. Sexton, while Mrs. White looks after the interests of the Wilson.

WILLIAM GRIMM, No. 31 Herald St., Blacksmith, Farrier.—Mr. Grimm has been in business in this city since 1870 and during that time he has ever been reckoned among the best of Victoria's workmen and this knowledge of the business is certainly not exceeded by any one in this line. He does a general blacksmithing business and manufactures wagons and carriages to order while repairs and job work are done in the best style. The best of material is invariably used in every job and all work is executed in the shortest time possible and at the lowest prices.

GEO. R. JACKSON, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Tailoring and Fine Furnishings, 57 Government St.—That the trade of the merchant tailor is well represented in Victoria is conclusively demonstrated to any one who may visit the establishment of Geo. R. Jackson, the leading tailor and

furnisher. Inspect the elegant stock of imported fabrics carried by this gentleman. He is an expert cutter of the fashionable styles he introduces in which he guarantees a perfect fit, made in the very latest patterns of cloth. He has had many years of practical experience, and for ten years has been established in Victoria, and is looked upon as an authority in all matters pertaining to dress. The stock of furnishings carried is most complete and up-to-date in every line. He employs twenty-five expert assistants, and all work is guaranteed to be done on time and according to order, at moderate prices.

O. B. ORMOND, Bookseller, Stationer, News Dealer.—For the past three years the literary folk of Victoria have found at Ormond's the high class books, novels of all description and of the latest. Publications and periodicals of every kind to suit the many different tastes of the reading public; here also is kept a most complete circulating library. He also carries a very large stock of the finest stationery, ever containing something new and attractive in writing materials and school supplies, can be bought here at prices to please all. Office supplies, etc., are to be found of the best. Mr. Ormond also receives subscriptions for any periodical at the publishers' prices. The patronage of the house is of an influential character, an evidence that the business of this concern is under excellent management.

MESSRS. M. & H. A. FOX, Sheffield Cutlery Store, 78 Government St.—This is the oldest established house in this line in the city and carries the finest stock of all kinds of fishing tackle, table cutlery, plated ware, pocket knives, shaving material, fine brushes and purses. They are importers of the very best English fine cutlery, including razors of the best makers. The business was established in 1845 and from its inception has been faithfully recorded as taking the lead in this branch of industry in the city. The house is well known and has a national reputation. Mr. Fox is a prominent citizen of Victoria and always takes a great interest in its welfare and prosperity.

PEOPLE'S POPULAR PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY, Messrs. Davies', Proprietors, 3032 Government Street.—While blessed with a universally healthy climate the city of Victoria would be at a loss if it had not those public places—the drug stores. The ever accommodating and convenient rendezvous where one is wont to drop in and get a stamp, read the morning paper or use the telephone, and as a rule the druggist is a pretty good sort of fellow. At 3032 Gov't. St. the City of Victoria is particularly fortunate in having a first-class drug store, for such is that conducted by the above gentlemen at this locality, a store 30x32, splendidly fitted up in solid oak and fully stocked

has entered to an ever increasing trade, here is carried a full line of staple and fancy groceries and nothing but the best goods are handled by this firm. The store occupies a space 25 x 50 feet and all of this is taken up by a tasteful array of the stock. They deliver goods to all parts of the city.

VICTORIA BOOK AND STATIONERY CO., LTD., (late Jamieson), Gov't. St.—This is one of the largest and most substantial houses in the city devoted to the sale of stationery, books, office supplies, periodicals, etc., etc., and have been established some 15 years. For the last three

years the house has been under the able management of Mr. H. S. Henderson. Their premises are quite extensive, covering an area of 35x90 ft., they employ some five people. A great variety of books of all kinds will be found here as well as all kinds of periodicals and novels getting everything up-to-date. They are also agents for Empire and Smith Premier typewriters, Coburn carbons, Webster's ribbons, Stephen's inks, Harbours fine note papers, Admiralty Charts, Winsor and Newton's artists materials. The firm keep a very extensive stock of blank books of all kinds and everything in mercantile and fancy stationery, a number of polite and obliging clerks wait on its numerous customers.

CYRUS H. BOWES, Chemist, 108 Government St.—This is in all respects a well appointed and

with pure drugs and chemicals, surgical supplies, patent and proprietary medicines, toilet articles in great profusion, perfumeries, and in fact everything usually kept in an up-to-date and first-class drug store. Mr. Davies make a specialty of filling prescriptions and is himself a graduate of British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association. They are sole agents for Lowney's Chocolates.

M. J. THOMPSON, Groceries and Provisions, 21 Government St.—In the Porter Block near the Post Office is the neat and well stocked grocery conducted by M. J. Thompson who established the business in 1891, and for nine years

first-class establishment and one of the most deservedly popular pharmacies in the city, and is patronized by the leading medical practitioners by whom it is highly recommended for the purity of its drugs, and the care and accuracy shown in putting up prescriptions. The store is compact, complete and attractively fitted up, the display being particularly tasteful. Established in 1891 the business has steadily increased and now finds employment for no less than four competent assistants among whom are three licentiates in pharmacy. Mr. Bowes, the proprietor is a pharmacist of years of practical experience, and one of Victoria's well known and highly esteemed citizens.



A PICTURE OF THE SCENE NEAR VICTORIA.

HOTEL VERNON, 66 Douglas St., and **HOTEL DALLAS**, Dallas Road.—These two strictly first class hotels are now under the able management of Mrs. M. Walt. They are two of the most popular caravansaries on the Pacific Coast. The Hotel Vernon is centrally located and Mrs. Walt has spared neither pains nor expense in fitting up these quarters with every equipment modern ideas can devise for the comfort and well being of the patrons. The guest chambers number 54 with 20 rooms en suite, newly furnished in best oak with heavy Brussels carpets and fittings to match. Convenient free hot and cold baths can be had at any hour. It is an ideal place for the commercial man, having no less than five well-lighted sample rooms. The dining room is large and lofty, and most elegantly equipped, while the cuisine is of the best. The office, reading room and bar are luxuriously fitted up, while everything is done for the convenience and pleasure of the guests. A new English table made by

Walt has been connected with these hotels for some five years.

PAISLEY STEAM DYE WORKS, 114 Yates Street, Phone 410. Established 1885.—Here every facility is at hand for the dyeing of goods with bright, attractive colours, that will never fade. Everything in woolen, cotton linen or silk is treated in such a manner as to suit the most exacting. During a run of fifteen years Mr. James Allison, the proprietor, has done a vast amount of business and deserves great credit for being able to maintain such a complete dyeing and cleaning plant in the city. All kinds of fancy dyeing and cleaning is done, a specialty being made of French and dry cleaning. Ladies' and gents' clothing are cleaned, dyed and repaired in a most skilled manner. Hats are also cleaned and dyed.

R. LETTICE, House and Sign Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger, dealer in Paints, Oils, Varnish, Brushes, Plate and Window Glass, Wall Paper, etc., 40 Fort St.—A resident for many years of this city, Mr. Lettice is probably one of the best known men in Victoria. For the last 40 years, or since he has been in business for himself at the above location and has established a reputation in trade and business circles second to none in the city. All work entrusted to him is well done. He employs some nineteen people who are kept constantly busy, and are all masters of the different branches of the trade. Work is done at a reasonable price, at short notice and is sure to give satisfaction. Mr. Lettice carries a very extensive stock of wall paper as well as glass, paints and oils in great variety. An old resident, he is one of Victoria's most highly respected citizens.

S. A. STODDART, Manufacturing Jeweller and Optician, 68 Yates St.—No branch of business requires a more cultivated judgment to detect fraud and test the value of their goods than the jeweller. Mr. Stoddart is a practical worker in jewelry besides being a first class optician. The stock of jewelry of great variety of designs and watches of the best material and make, of standard movement, are here found. His souvenir goods are of great variety and of beautiful design, showing him to be a master worker in gold and silver. Mr. Stoddart is also an importer of first class watches and jewelry, and has been established here for over ten years. He also has a branch store in Dawson.

JOHN COCHRANE, Druggist, N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.—This is one of the most creditable drug stores in the city, and contains a stock of goods that is unexcelled for purity and completeness. The store is highly recommended for the purity of drugs, and the care and accuracy

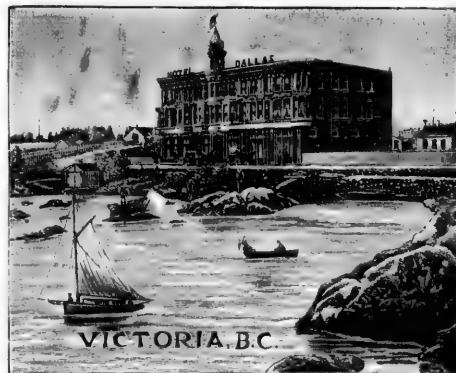
shown by Mr. Cochrane in the compounding of prescriptions. A specialty is made in the manufacture of a list of preparations known as the London Hospital P. medicines, famous for the results they produce in eradicating diseases. In the front part of the store is a neat soda fountain, where can be had all the beverages of the season, and the reputation sustained throughout the city is that the most palatable drinks and delicious ice cream sodas are served at this fountain.

THE B. C. FURNITURE CO., under the management of Mr. Jacob Schl, 66-68 Government St., is one of the oldest business houses in the city. Mr. Schl has been engaged in connection with this business as a wholesale and retail furniture dealer since 1860. Besides the large stock of Canadian and American goods, the firm are direct importers of European goods, carpets, linoleums, curtains, crockery, etc., fine



THE HOTEL VERNON.

George Wright & Son, of London, is a recent addition to the billiard room. The Hotel Dallas, so long and favourably known to the travelling public, is on the Dallas Road facing the Straits of Juan de Fuca, from which a magnificent view is had of the straits, the islands, and the far Olympian range. This ideal hostelry has been newly and thoroughly fitted up in a very luxurious fashion. It has some 60 rooms, 24 of which are ensuite, five bath rooms on each floor with hot and cold water always available. The dining room is large, light and well appointed; the cuisine is of the very best, while the service is all that can be desired. The office and reading room, where all the latest periodicals and papers are kept, is a most pleasant room facing the sea and is most comfortably fitted up. The ball room, 60x40, where numerous events are given by the guests, is magnificent and capable of accommodating one hundred couple with ease. Mrs.



THE DALLAS HOTEL.

French and Dresden china goods and ornaments, fine Bohemian glassware, etc., occupying all of a three story brick building of 45 feet on Government street, extending back to Langley street, with a frontage of 90 feet, the whole of which is crowded with the latest styles of household goods. In connection with their establishment they have a furniture factory on the water front, a three story brick building 63x84 with out-houses and extensive wharf convenient for shipping. The factory is equipped with the latest improved machinery and is not surpassed by any on the Pacific Coast for the manufacture of furniture, bar, office, bank and church fittings, and some of the finest work in the country has been turned out of this establishment. Mr. Schl is one of the early pioneers of the city, having arrived here in 1858 and has always been looked upon as one of Victoria's most progressive citizens.

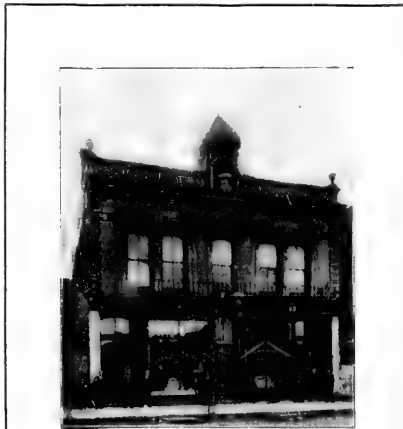
NICHOLLES & RENOUE, LTD., Importers and Dealers in Hardware, Iron, Farm, Mill and Mining Machinery, Cor. Yates and Broad Sts.—This well known hardware house was established in 1878, and has now a large trade. Their premises are extensive, occupying two floors each of 6,000 feet area. They are handlers by wholesale and retail of all kinds of heavy and shelf hardware and carry a very extensive stock, particularly of builders' goods. They do largely in mining machinery, for which they have a constantly increasing demand. They are also agents for the celebrated McCormack harvesting machinery, which has a world-wide reputation, in fact they carry in their stock everything in the hardware line from the smallest screw or bolt to the largest piece of farming machinery. Both gentlemen are prominent and are well known citizens of Victoria.

J. MARKET, plumbing, tinning and general jobbing, Cor. Government and Pandora Sts.—Mr. Market has been established in Victoria for five years and is therefore well known to the trade. He brings to bear upon his business skill and experience, and the result of his labours is the best. He confines himself to the above line and makes a specialty of job work and sheet iron air tight stoves. All work is done in a manner that insures durability, and the most scrupulous care is exercised to give each job a finished appearance.

THOMAS EARLE, Importer and Wholesale Grocer, 92, 94, 97 Wharf St.—This establishment is one of the largest of the kind in the city, and is also one of the oldest, having been established so long ago as 1869. It occupies two warehouses, one a building of 20x100 feet area, with two floors. The other a fine brick structure lately built by the proprietor on Yates street, having four floors, each of 30x110 feet area, and fitted up with all the modern conveniences for handling goods. It finds employment for some seven people, while two travellers are kept constantly on the road. Their field of trade embraces all of British Columbia as well as the Klondike. It is the head office of the Pioneer Steam Coffee and Spice Mills, the output of which they handle; is agent for Alert Bay Canning Co., Clayoquot Fishing and Trading Co. They are also heavy importers of coffees and teas, and carry a very extensive stock of staple and fancy groceries as well as every variety of canned and bottled goods.

SPRATT & MACAULAY, Storage, Shipping, Commission, Fire and Marine Insurance, 88 Government St., and 82 Store St.—This firm started business in Victoria in 1895 and now do largely in warehousing. They occupy two large warehouses and a wharf as well as having a bonded warehouse. They deal in coal and wood, and can furnish tugs and scows to those desiring them. They also do a commission business as well as a fire and marine insurance. They are agents for the Armour Packing Co., Kansas City; Porter Bros. Fruit Co., San Francisco; Nicholson & Brook, Toronto, The Griffith-Durney Co., San Francisco; English Canoe Co., Canadian Canoe Co. of Peterboro, The Commercial Union (Fire) of London, and the Associated Assurance Co. (Marine).

C. A. LOMBARD & CO., Musical Instruments, 31 Fort St.—Among those who are worthy special mention is Mr. Lombard, who came here in 1858 and who by his public spirit and business tact has been a factor in building up the city. Mr. Lombard is well known as a music dealer. He carries a complete line of musical instruments and musical goods, including a very large and extensive assortment of sheet music. He handles exclusively instruments of the best known makes. His business in the city and the surrounding country is large. Mr. Lombard is Consulleur du Commerce Extérieur de la France.



T. SHOTBOLT'S DRUG STORE.

THOMAS SHOTBOLT, Pioneer Druggist—Wherever the City of Victoria is known the name of Thomas Shotbolt, as the pioneer druggist of the city is just as familiar. Thirty eight years ago (1862) when Victoria was in the experimental stage, Thomas Shotbolt arrived from Lincolnshire, England, and established the drug business where it stands to-day, just below Government, 59 Johnson street. As an English druggist he recognized the superiority of English drugs and, as early in his business career he determined to stock only the best and purest drugs, he commenced to import direct from England and the Continent, a practice he con-

tinues to the present day. His drug business, now conducted in his own building, has attained immense proportions. The front store is literally crowded with goods affording very inadequate space for display, while in the rear a large two-story brick warehouse is taxed to its fullest capacity. He now employs two qualified druggists, each having had over twenty years' drug experience; one, Mr. George Chadwick, who may be said to have grown up with the store, has been associated with him since 1877; the other, Mr. Joseph H. Emery, an Englishman, has been in his employ since 1891. Prescriptions from all the city physicians are daily dispensed with the purest drugs obtainable, the greatest care being exercised to furnish in the best possible form the exact remedy the physician orders. A large demand has been established for a number of proprietary remedies introduced by Mr. Shotbolt, among which may be mentioned The "Original" Balsam of Aniseed, and orders for this and other medicines are daily received from all parts of the Province.

B. C. CYCLE SUPPLY CO., 96 Government St., Old Post Office Building.—This company has been identified with the bicycle industry for three years, Messrs. Nevins & Royds having bought out the original owner one year ago. They are hustling young men who are fast building up a substantial trade. They handle such high grade wheels as the "Gendron," "Hudson," and "Iver Johnson," which are the product of our best known factories, and stand to-day as always superior to all other makes. They carry the largest line of sundries west of Winnipeg. Their repair shop, which is run by electricity, is most modern, and all work turned out is guaranteed. Their motto is "Never too late to mend." They are also agents for typewriters, cash registers and sewing machines, and run a large bicycle livery.

W. A. JAMESON, Retail Grocer and Provision Merchant, 33 Fort St.—The true thermometer of the business pulse of a city is not one or a dozen of its largest industries. To judge correctly of a city's thrift one must look to the hundreds of smaller retail industries, which deal directly with the people and indicate truly the prosperity of a place. For live retail business no city in the country can out-class Victoria, and high in the ranks of this city's retail establishments stands the firm of W. A. Jameson, who succeeded one year ago to the business of R. H. Jamieson, established in 1888. It is one of the reliable business houses of its kind in the city. The stock includes everything in the grocery line, every article of the highest grade, and the store presents a very neat and creditable appearance. Their motto is "All goods sold as represented." They make a specialty of fine teas and coffees, and are sole agents in this city for the famous Ricksshaw Brand Ceylon Tea.

R. A. BROWN & CO.—This firm is located at No. 80 Douglas street, where can be found a varied assortment of shelf hardware, crockery, glass, agate, tin, wooden and willowware, etc. They carry both English and American goods of every grade and quality, while their prices are always reasonable. The firm was established in 1889 and from the day of its foundation have enjoyed a good trade.

PACIFIC SAUCE AND VINEGAR WORKS, H. J. Brady & Co., Props.—Among the noteworthy industrial enterprises must be mentioned the above concern. They are manufacturers and packers of the "Standard" brand of Worcestershire sauce, malt, wine and cider vinegars, pickles, tomato ketchup, Indian chutney, horse radish, salad oil, Ontario and Domestic ciders, fruit syrups, etc. They are also proprietors of the celebrated "Bar Harbor" ketchup, the intrinsic merit of which has won for it a foremost place in the market. These goods are prepared in accordance with the most approved processes from the choicest and best materials, they are uniform in quality and unexcelled, which is attested by their steady and increasing demand throughout British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. These works were started in 1885 by Mr. H. J. Brady, who presides over

perience. He was for some seven years in Montreal, and about five years in Toronto, and in both places was very successful. An inspection of his work will convince anyone of his proficiency. His prices are moderate and his workmanship first class.

DAVID SPENCER, Dry Goods, 63-65 Government St.—One of the representative mercantile enterprises of Victoria is the large and well appointed dry goods house of this gentleman. Commencing as far back as 1879 in a small store room 25x40 feet, it has grown steadily to its present grand proportions; it is centrally located on Government street and now has an area of 60x120 feet on Government and 90x120 on Broad street, and is of two stories. This is by far the largest dry goods store in British Columbia, has

JAMES MAYNARD, Importer and Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes, 119 Douglas St., opp. City Hall.—This enterprise has been established for fifteen years, and has ever been liberally patronized. The stock of boots and shoes is complete, a specialty being made of high-class medium priced goods. A workshop is in the rear of the store where repairing is promptly attended to. The store is provided with all the conveniences that the requirements of the trade demands. During the many years Mr. Maynard has been here he has gained many regular customers.

BEN WILLIAMS & CO., Stock Brokers, Mining Operators, Insurance, Real Estate and Financial Agents, Etc., Etc., 44 Fort St.—This firm handles B. C. mining stocks



BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT.



the manufacturing department. In March, 1898, Mr. W. K. Houston became a partner, and during the past few years the business has been increasing rapidly. They occupy the substantial brick structure at 131, 133 and 135 Johnson St., which is divided into three departments, having 7,500 square feet of working surface, and every facility for the successful conduct of a growing business. Their travellers cover the entire country this side of the Rockies.

THE VICTORIA TAILORING PARLORS, J. T. Burrows, manager, 88 Douglas St.—Mr. Burrows, who has been in this city for some fourteen years, is a man of much experience and a most successful maker of men's garments. His father having been a tailor before him, Mr. Burrows commenced to work at the trade in England when only eight years of age, so that he is a man of great practical ex-

perience. He was for some seven years in Montreal, and about five years in Toronto, and in both places was very successful. An inspection of his work will convince anyone of his proficiency. His prices are moderate and his workmanship first class.

A. E. TALBOT, Crockery, Glassware, Etc.—Mr. Talbot began business in the city seven years ago. He is located at Nos. 129 and 129½ Douglas street, where he carries a general stock of crockery, glassware, new and second-hand books, furniture, stoves, carpets, etc. The prices for his goods are the most reasonable. Those who want "real" bargains should call and inspect his stock. He also does a general upholstering and repairing business.

and mining prospects situate on Vancouver Island. It is prepared to open up and develop mining properties for outside parties. They conduct a general insurance, real estate and commission business; effect loans for those desiring to lend or borrow. They are correspondents of Messrs. Downing, Hopkins & Co., of Portland, Ore., U.S.A., who, through Lobdell & Co., are represented on the New York Stock Exchange. In this connection Messrs. Williams & Co. are prepared to place orders for buying or selling for delivery or on margins any of the American or Canadian railway and industrial stocks. Current quotations are also obtainable at their office on wheat, corn and pork. Being in direct telegraphic communication with the New York Stock Exchange by Great North Western Telegraph Co.'s wires Messrs. Williams & Co. are prepared to fill your orders as promptly as you could have them done were you on the floor of the Exchange itself.

A. J. CLYDE & CO.—This firm, located at No. 42 Johnson Street, are dealers in stoves, hardware and house furnishing goods. They carry a varied assortment of goods, and aim to keep their stock up to a high standard. They are agents for the Ohio Steel Plate Ranges, made by the Tinnerman Steel Range Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and the famous Buck's Stoves and Ranges, which have attained to the high standard of excellence in manufacture and finish. Also the Doherty stoves which are made of Decarbon Steel (The process of making this casting was sold to English capitalists for £100,000). These stoves are very lasting, and will not warp or crack with the fire. They also manufacture tin, copper and sheet iron ware. The business has been established four and a half years, and by being liberal and equitable in all transactions, the firm has achieved substantial success.

W. H. ROSS & CO., Staple and Fancy Grocers, Family Wines and Liquors, 117 Government Street.—This is the most popular family grocery house west of the city. It is now some fifteen years ago and from a moderate business has grown into a business of large proportions.

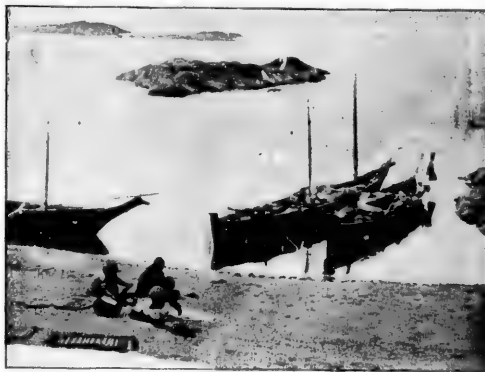
It has for its patrons many of the leading families of Victoria, carrying as they do a very extensive and varied assortment of everything in their line. Their sales are large, keeping two delivery wagons and some seven clerks constantly busy. The premises are large, occupying two floors 20x100 feet area. Besides a large stock of groceries, they carry a fine line of family wines and liquors. Everything is displayed in a tasteful and attractive manner, and the attendants will be found attentive and obliging. Mr. Harrie G. Ross is the capable manager of this concern.

DEAN & HISCOCKS, Chemists and Druggists, Corner Yates and Broad Sts.—When the services of a druggist are required, the first thought is, where is the closest? Dean & Hiscock's pharmacy is centrally located, most convenient to the leading hotels and resident portion of the city. The business has been established fifteen years and has a high standing for the care taken in filling prescriptions and the courteous attention accorded customers. The premises are well fitted up and are fully stocked with pure fresh goods; they carry a large stock of drugs and chemicals, an infinite variety of patent and proprietary medicines, toilet articles and perfumes. They are also sole agents for Dr. Scott's pills.

SIMMONS & COKER, Family Bread and Pastry Bakers, London Bakery, 25 Government St.; V. J. Coker Bakery, 75 Fort St.—This establishment, with its perfect equipment and great capacity, and the high character of the various bread stuffs produced, are matters of common remark among all classes of people. The premises utilized is a commodious structure with excellent sanitary regulations, being cement lined, and possessing every modern appliance known to the baker's craft, affording a capacity of 4,000 loaves of bread daily, which is made entirely by machinery, being handled only while paning, and is the best bread the world can pro-

duce. The business was established in 1860 and has met with great success, until to-day they have the best equipped plant on the Coast and employ eleven people in the bakery and five wagons are kept busy supplying their customers.

CAMPBELL & CO., Fashionable Tailors, Cor. Broad St. and Trounce Ave.—This firm is one of Victoria's most prominent and successful makers of men's garments, and so proficient are they in cutting and fitting that the best dressed people of this city go to them for their fashionable suits, and thus they are known as Victoria's "Fashionable Tailors." Established since 1880, they have become widely known and have built up a magnificent trade. Their establishment is well fitted up and contains a large and varied assortment of Scotch and English goods of which they are direct importers.



INDIAN CANOES

P. C. MCGREGOR & CO., Real Estate and Insurance, Etc., Cor. Broad and View Sts.—This firm have been in business in this city for some ten years, or since 1890, and have but recently moved to their present very commodious and well appointed premises. They are handlers of realty, writers of insurance, etc.; they also manage properties for outside parties, collecting rents, finding tenants for city and country clients; in this they do largely, as on their lists will be found some of the most desirable property in Victoria. They are agents for coal and wood and fill all orders for same with dispatch and at lowest figure. They are also money lenders, loaning at lowest rates, and are agents for the following insurance companies: The Great West Life, Sun Fire, Phoenix Fire, as well as the Montreal Loan and

Investment Co. These gentlemen are known to be men of reliability.

ONIONS & PLIMLEY, Central Cycle and Hardware Depot, 42-44 Broad St.—This establishment is divided into two separate and distinct departments. In the cycle department can be found a large stock of high-grade wheels both for sale and to rent. They are agents for the famous Brantford and Crawford bicycles, and have sold a number of these wheels, which have given entire satisfaction. Both members of the firm are practical machinists of long experience and make a specialty of repairing. In the hardware department is carried a complete stock of kitchen and household hardware. This business has been established five years, and is steadily increasing.

HOTEL DAWSON, Wm. Jensen, Proprietor, 65, 67, 69 Yates St.—This is one of Victoria's popular and well known houses. It is centrally and conveniently located on Yates street. It is now conducted by the well and favorably known gentleman who for the past twenty years has presided over the Occidental and Hotel Dallas. Mr. Jensen has taken this house in hand and thoroughly renovated it from cellar to garret, enlarging the office so as to make a comfortable reading room, adding a new and spacious dining room splendidly furnished, the 56 chambers have been completely overhauled and refitted in a most comfortable manner. The house is well supplied with hot and cold water on each floor. The house carries a first class bar and billiard room, and the proprietor thoroughly understands the art of hotel keeping. The terms are moderate, being \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per day; meals, 25c.

BARBER BROS., Novelties, 51 Yates St.—The gentlemen comprising this firm have been well and favorably known in Victoria for the past eight years. Some four years since they established the present business, and now are kept constantly busy filling orders for stamps and attending to their numerous customers. They carry a very complete and quite an expensive stock of all kinds of fancy goods as well as an endless variety of notions of every description; also a large collection of souvenir articles, which always find a ready sale to tourists and others. They are manufacturers of every variety of rubber stamps, self-inking and dating, and keep stamp supplies of all kinds. All orders entrusted to this house will be promptly and well executed.

CLARENCE HOTEL, European plan.—This hotel was designed, furnished and arranged especially for the comfort and convenience of persons who seek the advantages of a hotel combined with the privacy of a well appointed home. The hotel is a fire-proof brick structure and contains sixty well furnished rooms lighted by gas and electricity, with baths on every floor, with hot and cold water connections. Mr. Harry Harris, the proprietor, is well known in the city and since taking charge of the hotel has added not a little to its fame.

CREIGHTON & CO.'S Fine Tailoring Parlours, 30 Broad St.—Among the most popular of those who devote their time and attention to getting up fashionable clothing in Victoria is Creighton & Co., who have been established in this city since 1862, every care and attention is paid to cutting and the work turned out is superior in every respect perfect as to fit and unsurpassed in neatness and elegant finish. You are asked to call and inspect their stock of imported goods in tweeds, worsteds, serges and coatings, get prices and see if you can duplicate them anywhere in Victoria.

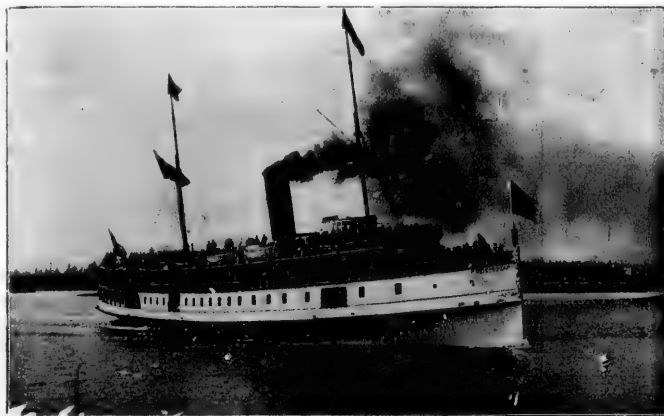
JOHN ROBERTSON, Blacksmith and Boiler Maker, Store St.—For twenty long years Mr. Robertson has been prominent in this line of work. He employs a number of skilled workmen, and is ably assisted in the management of affairs by his son Fred. Their shop is well equipped with machinery in which general blacksmith and boiler work is done; also the manufacture and repair of agricultural implements, miner's picks, etc., while a specialty is made of steamboat and ship work. Both father and son live up to the highest standard of their trade, and their reputation for quick and honest execution of contracts is unsurpassed.

THE POPE STATIONERY COMPANY, 110 Government St.—This establishment is well stocked with all kinds of stationery and office supplies, and is undoubtedly receiving its full share of patronage. As a matter of course all the different kinds of books used in the public schools are sold here as well as all school requisites. They also carry a large variety of blank books. This business was established about a year since, and occupies commodious premises having an area of 35x75 feet on Government street. The trade of the house is constantly increasing. Their prices are most reasonable, while every attention is paid to customers by obliging and attentive clerks.

JOHN MCCURRACH, Merchant Tailor, 22 Trowace Ave.—This gentleman has an enviable reputation for doing nothing but first class work, and so confident is he of his ability to please, that he guarantees every garment to be perfectly satisfactory according to orders given. He carries a full line of domestic and imported suitings, and turns out perfectly fitting garments of the latest style and cut at reasonable prices. Mr. McCurrach has had much experience in the leading cities of Great Britain and America and has lived for eight years in Victoria, where he has made for himself a host of friends.

GEO. H. MAYNARD, Boots and Shoes, 85 Douglas St.—In all the uses leather is put to, that used in the shoe should be the most carefully selected and of the best the market will possibly afford. Mr. Maynard is a good judge of the stock used in boots and shoes and sees that no inferior goods ever get upon the shelves of his establishment. This store has been running twenty-five years, and the motto of the house has ever been "A dollar's worth of honest leather for a dollar in money," and the people far and near have learned by experience that they live up to it. The store is 30 feet wide by 60 feet deep and contains a large stock of up-to-date footwear.

C. R. KING & SON, Commission Brokers, Consignees and Manufacturers' Agents—This firm as C. R. King was established some 16 years ago. About a year since Mr. King's son was admitted as a partner. Their premises are quite extensive, occupying three floors of a building 35x120 feet area. They handle large quantities of butter from the local creameries, as well as other products of the farm and do a general commission business. They are agents in British Columbia for the famous "Sunlight Soap," as well as "Keiller's Marmalade," manufactured in England. The ever increasing business of this house shows that it is held in high estimation by the public.



The fast and palatial steamer Victorian, plying between Victoria and Sound Points.

No tourist should fail to take a trip on the "Victorian" across Puget Sound and the Straits of Juan de Fuca, which is a most attractive one. Views of a lofty coast range are everywhere obtained. Mount Baker is distinctly seen for hours, and Mount Ranier rising 14,000 feet and seen from the sea level is most impressive. The "Victorian" is known as one of the fastest and best appointed passenger steamers on the Pacific Coast. Her cabins are elegantly furnished. She is abundantly supplied with comfortable seats and camp chairs, that all who desire may enjoy the refreshing breezes and invigorating sea air. The dining hall is large and elegantly fitted up, the menu containing all the delicacies and substantial in season, while the table service is perfect. The "Victorian" was built both for speed and comfort, and is a model of perfection.

POODLE DOG ROTISSERIE AND RESTAURANT, Mrs. R. C. Davies, Proprietress, 40 Yates St.—This is one of the oldest and best known eating houses in Victoria if not on the coast. It is a first class place in every particular, and then the management takes a pride in searching the markets for the last delicacy and for the very best that can be had in places on the hill of fare, and no more complete and satisfactory menu is placed before guests than the one at the Poodle Dog, a menu which is changed daily. The proprietress, Mrs. Davies, has been conducting this place for the last four years, and has added not a little to its popularity and to the number of its patrons. French diners are a specialty. The establishment has neatly fitted up private boxes as well as a family dining room. The service is good, and guests are paid every attention.

GEO. WATSON, Plumbing, Heating, etc., 99 Johnson St.—A long experience and natural skill in the handling of all difficult mechanical problems together make Mr. Watson one of the acknowledged master workmen of Victoria, combining commercial instinct with the foregoing qualifications, he stands out as one of the successful plumbing contractor and dealer in plumbing goods of every class and nature. He has been established in this city for two years, but has had experience all his life. He cheerfully furnishes estimates on any size contracts. Expert workmen only are employed and the best materials go into every job.

SPEED BROS., Grocers and Provision Merchants, Cor. Fort and Douglas Sts.—This firm established business in Victoria in 1893 and by close and persistent attention in catering to the demands of a critical trade have built up a gigantic business. Their store is centrally located near the residence portion of the city, and nothing but the best is kept in stock, and all goods are strictly as represented. Four people are employed to wait on customers, while three wagons are kept to deliver goods. They do a strictly retail business and make a specialty of the family trade.

HOTEL VICTORIA

Victoria, B.C.

E. E. LEASON, proprietor, American and European plan, American plan \$2 per day and upwards.—This well-known hotel will rank with any in the country for its modern appointments and the excellence of its entire service. The house occupies a most desirable position in the centre of the city on Government street, convenient to theatres, post office, churches and railway station. The interior is most comfortably fitted up and lit throughout by electricity. All sleeping rooms being large, well ventilated and handsomely furnished, fitted with electric bells and all heated by steam. The dining room, large and airy, is a model of comfort while the most experienced lady waiters anticipate the wants of every guest, making the



HOTEL VICTORIA.

service a perfect one. The chef in charge of the kitchen, is a master of the culinary art and the menu contains all the market affords. This has become a home for the tourist and the commercial traveller, sample rooms being provided for the latter. The office, reading room and cafe are all in accordance with a strictly first class hotel. Baths of hot and cold water are always ready, while a free bus conveys guests to and from all steamers and trains. Mr. Leason is an experienced and proficient hotel man and intends keeping the Victoria up to a standard of excellence required by a large and increasing patronage.

HEISTERMAN & CO., Fire, Life and Marine Insurance Agents, 75 Government St.—It is not necessary in this day and age to tell a man he should protect his home with a good policy in a reliable insurance company. It is also unnecessary to tell the reader that he can get just such a policy as this of Heisterman & Co. This house was established in 1864 and are now agents for the following solid institutions, such as the Western Assurance Co., the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co., of England, the Mutual Life of New York, the Bombay Fire and Marine Insurance Co., as well as the Underwriters' Association of Lloyds, England. They also deal extensively in real estate, and from their long resi-

Mr. R. Williams has been in charge of this place for two years, and conducts it in an orderly manner.

WATSON & HALL, Grocers, 55 Yates St.—The grocery business in Victoria is well represented, but there is no firm more favourably known than Watson & Hall, who established in 1891. They do an extensive business, six people being employed to wait on customers, while two wagons are kept busy delivering goods through the city. Their stock is large and well selected, comprising a full line of choice groceries, pure spices and extracts, oilman's stores, flour and provisions, also fine teas and coffee, of which they make a specialty,



GOOD ACRE LAKE—BEACON HILL PARK.

dence here are among the best informed men in the city when real estate values are considered. They also act as agents for absentees, collecting rents, etc. They are most responsible agents and will be found to be gentlemen of wide experience and honourable dealings.

ROCK BAY HOTEL, R. Williams, prop., Cor. Work and Bridge Sts.—This hotel was built in 1891, contains fifty comfortable rooms, and has a bar in connection where all the leading brands of wines, liquors, and cigars are served.

having their coffee roasted specially for them. Both gentlemen are old residents, Mr. Hall being a "Native Son." They are among Victoria's most progressive merchants.

A. A. HUMBER, D.D.S., 93½ Douglas St.—Dr. Humber has been practising in Victoria for several years. At the above number he occupies four convenient and well furnished rooms especially adapted to the needs of his profession. He is popular and enjoys a large practice.

OKELL & MORRIS, Fruit Preserving and Confectionery Company, Manufacturers of the Excelsior Gold Medal Brand. Preserves, Confectionery, Peels, Pickles, Sauces and Vinegars. —The firm of Okell & Morris was first established in 1891 and

be procured, made extensive inquiries regarding the merits and abilities of the present managing director, Mr. W. H. Price, who had succeeded in carrying off for his firm for several years the medals offered for preserves, etc., by the National Confectionery Exhibition in London, Eng. The firm's representative was successful in inducing

Mr. Price to come to B.C., and from that date the firm of Okell & Morris have succeeded in earning for themselves a name for excellence of quality that cannot be exceeded by the best imported goods. Year after year medals and diplomas have been awarded them for their manufactures, so that to-day the firm has 15 gold and silver medals and 33 diplomas. The last few years have witnessed the additional manufacture of several other lines, ketchups, sauces, vinegars, pickles, lemon peels, confectionery, etc., and when the writer was overlooking the factory a few days ago he found everyone so busy shipping and packing, that it was gratifying to feel that the firm's motto, "The Purest and Best," was being fully appreciated all over Canada. The large number of hands employed by the firm, the market offered to the fruit growers of B.C., the excellent quality of the goods manufactured, make the Okell & Morris F. P. Co. one of the most respected in B.C. The situation of the firm is on Rock Bay and views one of the prettiest scenes of the Olympian mountains in the States. The courteous manner in which all are welcomed to visit the factory ought to be taken advantage of by strangers to Victoria. To those who are going to make their homes in B.C. we can heartily recommend their preserves, ketchups, pickles, peels and confectionery are without doubt what the firm claim—the purest and best.

MURRAY & CALWELL, Horseshoers, 107 Johnson St. —The members of this firm devote their attention exclus-

ively to horseshoeing and each having served at the trade for a number of years, it is needless to say that they are thorough masters of the art. They not only understand the practical part of the business, but are thoroughly conversant with the anatomy of the horse's foot, therefore they guarantee all their work. As a firm they have been established four years and to-day enjoy a good patronage.

THE BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Government St., is probably one of the best and most favorably known banks on the Pacific Coast, incorporated by Royal Charter in 1863 with a capital of \$2,920,000 and having a reserve fund available of \$486,000. The head office of this institution is in Lombard St., London, Eng., while the local manager here is Mr. George Gillespie, who possesses a long experience in practical banking. They have branches at Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Nelson, Sandon and Rossland, as well as agents and correspondents throughout Canada, the U. States, Australia, Honolulu, South Africa, China and Japan. They is-

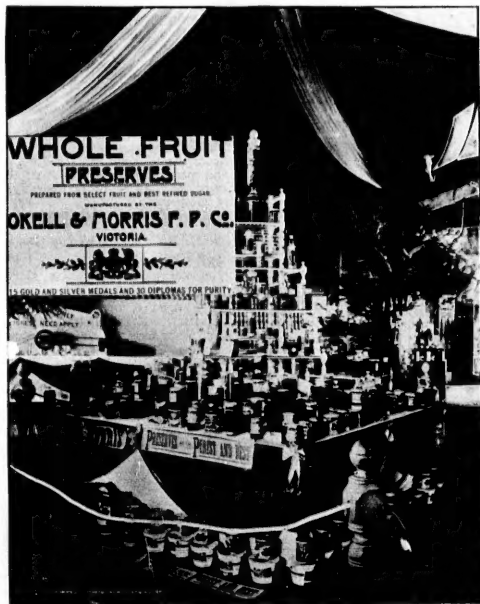
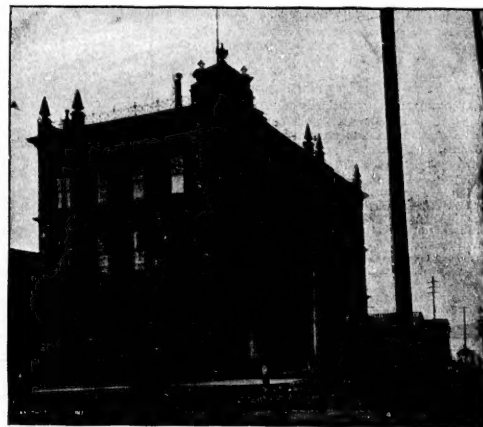


EXHIBIT OF FRUIT BY OKELL & MORRIS.

the name of their manufactures have become famous. At the commencement of the firm's doing business they confined themselves to preserves, later they put in a canning plant, and their business has steadily increased with the progress of the province. Several years ago one of the firm visiting England on a business trip, feeling that the province's future was established and that it was necessary that a first-class man should



BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

sue drafts, etc., direct on Dawson City, Atlin City, White Horse and Skegway, also letters of credit for travellers which are available in all parts of the world. Gold dust purchased,

THE SAUNDERS GROCERY CO. LTD. Nos. 39-41 Johnson St., Importers and Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Liquors, Etc.—Much of the gratifying increase of Victoria's trade must be attributed to the enterprise and energy of those houses who have long been identified with the locality. Among such is that of the Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd., which was founded in 1866 by Mr. Henry Saunders, and who conducted the business under his own name until July 7th, when the present company was incorporated with Henry Saunders as secretary, and R. W. Riddell, managing director. Three floors of a large building, 40x150 feet, is utilized, every convenience being available. The stock embraces everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries of all descriptions and variety, teas, coffees, spices, canned and bottled goods, also the finest brand of liquors, for the family trade. The facilities of the house are not excelled; all supplies being obtained from manufacturers and first hands in all cases, and under the most favourable conditions, so that straight goods at right prices are offered in every instance. They employ six salesmen, keep three delivery wagons busy and do both a wholesale and retail business.

J. H. WARNER & CO., 106 Yates Street—Plumbing, Steam and Hot Water Fitting requires a combination of mechanical skill, scientific knowledge and honest workmanship that not every man can boast of, but all of which are acknowledged to be the means by which J. H. Warner & Co. have won their position among the artisans in that line they now hold in Victoria. They do general plumbing, steam and hot water fitting, also roofing and cornice work, and carry a stock of plumbers' supplies bath tubs, sinks, water closets, etc. At the present time they are employing ten men. The firm has been established for 13 years, and by living up to the highest standards of their trade, and by general good citizenship have become firmly established.

VICTORIA STEAM LAUNDRY. 152 Yates Street, A. F. McCrimmon, proprietor—This is an extensive laundry, employing from 35 to 45 skilled operators, and turning out large quantities of work. The premises occupied are thoroughly equipped with the most modern machinery, and appliances, washers, ironers, starchers, dry rooms, etc. The finest laundry work can here be had, executed in a prompt and superior manner. Prompt delivery and perfect work are here the rule, and their patronage proves that the money spent to bring about these results is money well spent. Recently new improvements have been made in the way of additional buildings and more machinery, greatly increasing their facilities so that now they are prepared to turn out more and better work than ever before. A. F.

McCrimmon, established the laundry eight years ago, and from the start made it his rule to employ white labor only.

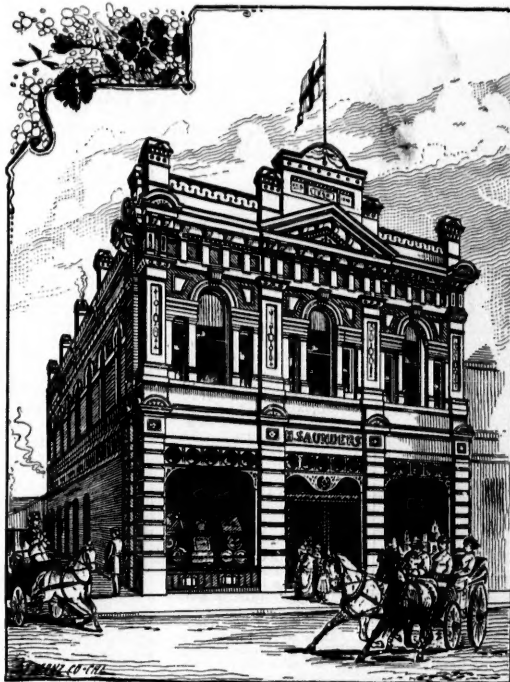
J. T. ORR, No. 8 Store St., is an importer and dealer in

is made of jobbing work and repairing, which is done in a prompt and skilled manner. He has been established here for seven years, at present giving employment to three workmen.

A. BARKER, Plumber, Tinsmith, 116 Yates Street—Mr. Barker has been established in this city for a number of years at 88½ Douglas Street, recently moving to his present quarters. He is a progressive, up-to-date expert in his line, which includes plumbing, gas and hot water fitting; roofs in tin, galvanized iron, and copper, office fenders and railings in brass or iron; also the manufacture of galvanized iron cornices, ceilings, skylights, window caps, fire-proof shutters, siding, etc. He has done much work in Victoria, and in the execution of all his contracts invariably employs the most experienced and proficient men. His reliability is unquestioned, and all work is honestly and satisfactorily completed.

QUEEN'S MARKET, Lawrence Goodacre, Wholesale and Retail Butcher, corner Government and Johnson Streets—Among the best known of those supplying the citizens of Victoria with fresh meat is the above mentioned firm. This business was established in the year 1858, but since then has several times changed hands. The present proprietor, Mr. Goodacre, took it over some 25 years ago, and has ever since carried it on and commands a large trade, employing 4 carts and 2 wagons, and keeping some 16 people very busy. The trade is principally retail; his slaughter houses being situated at Springvale farm. Shipping is supplied at lowest rates. He is also contractor by appointment to the Royal Navy and the Dominion Government. Mr. Goodacre is one of Victoria's well known and esteemed citizens.

JOHN BARNESLEY & CO. Firearms and Ammunition, 115 Government Street—This well known house has been doing business in Victoria for the past 13 thirteen years; their new and commodious premises are 30x75 feet area. They carry the largest, most varied and complete stock of sporting goods of any one in the city comprising guns and rifles of all the best makes, ammunition of all kinds, fishing tackle, pocket cutlery, athletic goods, snowshoes, sleighs, miners' compasses and magnifying glasses. They also carry supplies and instruments for photographers and also repair guns and bicycles. They are agents as well for the Spaulding, Imperial and McBurnie-Beattie bicycles. They are also agents for J. & J. Taylor's safes and vault doors.



SAUNDERS GROCERY STORE.

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